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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A.D. 1914.

The Synod of New York met, in accordance with adjournment, in the Webb Horton Memorial Church, Middletown, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 20th, 1914, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D., of the Presbytery of Hudson, from 1 Corinthians 9:22 "I am become all things to all men that I may by all means save some."

After the sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer.

Upon the report of the Permanent Committee on Registration, the following ministers and elders were recognized as duly appointed delegates and their names were entered upon the Roll of the Synod:

ROLL OF THE SYNOD

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
W. Francis Berger,	Grantham A. Kinsel,
William H. Stubblebine, Ph.D.,	Francis E. Crane.
Peter A. Macdonald,	
Edward R. James,	
Henry Baker,	
Raymond C. Hoag.	

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Samuel Dunham,	William T. Haney,
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John A. Blacklock.	Albert P. McGraw.

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Thomas W. Campbell,
John Deans,
John J. MacDonald, D.D.,
William H. Tower,
Carl Podin,
Robert J. Jensen,
J. Allison MacRury.
Harry A. Wynkoop,
Frederick B. Stewart,
Stephen J. Mills,
Charles P. Oakley,
George P. Conard,
Samuel B. Van Buren.

IV. BUFFALO.

Henry Ward, D.D.,
George Storner,
F. LeRoy McCauley.
Harry B. Boyd,
Andrew V. V. Raymond, Jr., (2).
John S. Chittenden,
William M. Wheeler,
William L. Ostrom,
William A. Galpin.

V. CAYUGA.

Vernon N. Yergin,
Plato T. Jones,
C. Gorman Richards, D.D.
Alfred G. Sisson,
F. E. Swift.

VI. CHAMPLAIN.

John H. Gardner,
Samuel Eaton.
Herbert T. Earl.

VII. CHEMUNG.

Frank H. Bisbee,
William Hansom, D.D.
O. R. Borthwick,
Frank M. DeMunn.

VIII. CHILE.

IX. COLUMBIA.

George C. Yeisley, D.D.,
E. Deyo Van Dyck.
James Jackson.

X. EASTERN PERSIA

XI. GENESEE.

William V. TeWinkle,
J. Van Kirk Wells,
Leonard L. Shepard,
Eugene P. Norton.

XII. GENEVA.

J. Wilford Jacks, D.D.,
Nevin D. Bartholomew.
Prescott C. Crosby.
W. Harrison Beach.

XIII. HUDSON.

Francis S. Haines,
George H. Bonsall,
E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D.,
Azel Hull Fish,
Robert O. Kirkwood, D.D.
W. Ebenezer Johnson.
Eugene F. Perry,
Ira H. Green.

XIV. LONG ISLAND.

Frederick E. Allen,
Thomas Coyle,
Norris W. Harkness.
Samuel R. Glover,
Joseph H. Randall,
William C. Rogers.

XV. LYONS.

David B. McMurdy,
Peter McKenzie.
Willis M. Stone.

XVI. NASSAU.

Robert D. Merrill,
Charles S. Tator.
John W. Anderson,
J. LeRoy Tilden.

XVII. NEW YORK.

Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.,
Simeon B. Dunn, D.D.,
George S. Webster, D.D., (2),
Albert D. Gantz,
Edward J. Russell,
Harold S. Rambo,
Jonathan C. Day, D.D.,
Francesco Perazzini,
Arthur N. Limouze.
William S. Bennett,
William B. Hills, D.D.S.,
Robert Abbott,
R. Llewellyn Rees,
Charles S. McKay,
George Schryver,
John A. Park,
James L. Beyea, M.D.,
Nelson S. Easton,
Charles A. Kinch.

XVIII. NIAGARA.

Peter Birrell,
Charles A. Lawrence,
William F. Scoular.
Thomas A. Kerr, M.D.,
A. W. Richmond.

XIX. NORTH LAOS.

XX. NORTH RIVER.

Charles G. Ellis, Ph.D.,
William H. Wilcox,
Wallace H. Carver,
Joseph W. Babbitt.
John B. Cathcart,
Ernest W. Conklin,
Thomas Perrine.

XXI. OTSEGO.

Alphæus P. Meeker, Ph.D.,
William McNair Kittredge,
John B. Kaloria.
William R. Brink.

XXII. PORTO RICO.

XXIII. ROCHESTER.

Ebenezer B. McGhee,
Frank W. Hill,
Theodore M. Carlisle,
Robert W. Veach, D.D.,
Frank M. Weston,
John Giovanni Pons.
David M. Jackling,
William Grant Ensign,
Hugh Campbell,
William L. Stokoe.

XXIV. ST. LAWRENCE.

David F. Giles,
Frank B. Cowan,
Curtin G. Roop,
Joseph Kerr.
John E. Reinbeck.

XXV. SIAM.

Lucius C. Bulkley, M.D.

XXVI. STEUBEN.

Joel C. Glover,
Elmer J. Stuart,
John R. Fraser.
J. Albert Parker,
James S. Thorp.

XXVII. SYRACUSE.

Walter Rockwood Ferris, D.D.,
Samuel W. Steele, D.D.,
Frederick W. Fuess,
John R. Woodcock.
John T. Roberts,
Benjamin F. Redner,
Almon Bristol.

XXVIII. TROY.

George Fairlee, D.D.,
Charles E. Mac Ginness,
Edward A. Loux,
James A. Pratt.
William L. Hitchcock,
Fred W. Coons,
William H. Hollister, Jr.,
Edward W. Arms.

XXIX. UTICA

Theodore F. Jessup, (2).
Ralph W. Brokaw, D.D.,
William E. Kimball, D.D.,
George B. Swinnerton,
Cuthbert C. Frost.
Fred W. Easton,
Morris L. Lawrence,
Robert R. Watson,
David W. Hook.

XXX. WESTCHESTER.

George Reynolds, D.D.,
Anthony N. Petersen,
Paul Stratton,
Henry F. Watts,
Lester H. Bent.
George E. Reed,
William B. Jones,
James R. Brash,
David A. Nelson,
Robert M. Reevs.

Rev. Walter Lockwood Ferris, D.D., of the Presbytery of Syracuse was chosen Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

Rev. Frederick W. Fuess of the Presbytery of Syracuse and Rev. Ebenezer B. McGhee of the Presbytery of Rochester were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Mr. Edwin T. Hanford, chairman of the Committee of Entertainment extended a hearty welcome to the members of Synod.

Rev. E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D., chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, recommended the printed program as the order of exercises, subject to such changes as may be necessary. It was so ordered.

Synod then adjourned until nine o'clcok, Wednesday morning.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, October 21, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Delegates not previously enrolled, marked (2), were reported present.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, D.D., of the Presbytery of Utica as Vice-Moderator and the following Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—E. Van Dyke Wight, George H. Bonsall, A. Cameron MacKenzie, Peter A. Macdonald, Harlan G. Mendenhall, Alphæus P. Meeker, Robert W. Veach, William H. Stubblebine.

Elders—W. Harrison Beach, F. E. Swift, O. R. Borthwick, William B. Hills, David M. Jackling, Almon Bristol, Frederick W. Coons.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Francis S. Haines, George C. Yeisley, Albert D. Gantz, John H. Gardner, George B. Swinnerton, Anthony N. Petersen, William V. TeWinkle, John R. Woodcock.

Elders—John T. Roberts, Harry A. Wynkoop, John S. Chittenden, James Jackson, Fred W. Easton, John E. Reinbeck, George E. Reed.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—Charles G. Ellis, Curtin G. Roop, Peter Birrell.

Elders—Robert Abbott, David W. Hook.

4. Finance:

Elders—William S. Bennett, Prescott C. Crosby, Herbert T. Earl, Benjamin F. Redner, Eugene P. Norton.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Azel H. Fish, David B. McMurdy, Elmer J. Stuart, Frank M. Weston, David F. Giles.

Elders—William R. Brink, John B. Cathcart, Hugh Campbell, J. LeRoy Tilden.

6. Nomination of Woman's Synodical Committee:

Ministers—C. Gorman Richards, Vernon N. Yergin, David F. Bonner, Peter McKenzie, John R. Fraser.

Elders—J. Albert Parker, William G. Ensign, Thomas Perrine, A. W. Richmond.

7. Nomination of the Trustees of Synod:

Ministers—Theodore M. Carlisle, Morris W. Harkness, Plato T. Jones, Frank W. Hill, Carl Podin.

Elders—Eugene T. Perry, Samuel R. Glover, John W. Anderson, James S. Thorp.

8. Committee to Collate Reports on the Records of Presbyteries:

Ministers—Robert D. Merrill, Edward J. Russell, William H. Tower.

Elders—William L. Ostrom, James L. Beyea.

9. Committee to Nominate the Permanent Committees of Synod:

Ministers—Joel C. Glover, Samuel Dunham, Samuel W. Steele.

Elders—Albert P. McGraw, R. Llewellyn Rees.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. Albany: *Ministers*—George Fairlee, F. LeRoy McCauley; *Elder*—William M. Wheeler.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—George Storner, John B. Kaloria; *Elder*—William A. Galpin.

3. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Simeon B. Dunn, Harold S. Rambo; *Elder*—John Q. Barlow.

4. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Samuel Dunham, Henry Baker; *Elder*—Edwin J. Pritchard.

5. Cayuga: *Ministers*—Frank H. Bisbee, Arthur M. Limouze; *Elder*—Nelson S. Easton.

6. Champlain: *Ministers*—E. Deyo Van Dyck, James A. Pratt; *Elder*—Fred W. Coons.

7. Chemung: *Ministers*—Cuthbert C. Frost, Lester H. Bent; *Elder*—Robert R. Watson.

8. Chile: (No records).

9. Columbia: *Ministers*—George Reynolds, Albert D. Gantz; *Elder*—James R. Brash.

10. Eastern Persia: *Ministers*—Charles S. Tator, Joseph W Babbitt; *Elder*—John B. Cathcart.

11. Genesee: *Ministers*—Edward R. James, Henry F. Watts; *Elder*—Grantham A. Kinsel.

12. Geneva: *Ministers*—Ebenezer B. McGhee, John A. Blacklock; *Elder*—William R. Brink.

13. Hudson: *Ministers*—Frank B. Cowan, Edward A. Loux; *Elder*—William B. Jones.

14. Long Island: *Ministers*—Anthony N. Petersen, W. Francis Berger; *Elder*—William T. Haney.

15. Lyons: *Ministers*—David F. Bonner, Charles E. MacGinness; *Elder*—George E. Reed.

16. Nassau: *Ministers*—David F. Giles, Joseph Kerr; *Elder*—Hugh Campbell.

17. New York: *Ministers*—Robert W. Veach, William Hansom; *Elder*—Thomas Perrine.

18. Niagara: *Ministers*—Frank M. Weston, J. Allison MacRury; *Elder*—Frank M. Demunn.

19. North Laos: (No records).

20. North River: *Ministers*—Frank W. Hill, Carl Podin; *Elder*—William L. Stokoe.

21. Otsego: *Ministers*—Thomas W. Campbell, John Deans; *Elder*—O. R. Borthwick.

22. Porto Rico: *Ministers*—David B. MacMurdy, John Giovanni Pons; *Elder*—Samuel B. Van Buren.

23. Rochester: *Ministers*—Plato T. Jones, Charles A. Lawrence; *Elder*—Alfred G. Sisson.

24. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—John H. Gardner, Charles E. Mac Ginness; *Elder*—Charles S. McKay.

25. Siam: (No records).

26. Steuben: *Ministers*—Peter McKenzie, William F. Scoular; *Elder*—John A. Park.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Henry Ward, Paul Stratton; *Elder*—William H. Hollister, Jr.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—John J. MacDonald, Raymond C. Hoag; *Elder*—George P. Conard.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—William H. Stubblebine, Nevin D. Bartholomew; *Elder*—Stephen J. Mills.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Samuel Eaton, Thomas Coyle; *Elder*—Herbert T. Earl.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended the following order for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at eleven o'clock, Wednesday morning. Rev. Samuel W. Steele, D.D., to preside; Rev. Henry Ward, D.D., and the Rev. Robert O. Kirkwood, D.D., to administer the Bread and the Cup and that the following Ruling Elders be appointed to serve in the administration of the elements: J. E. Mills, Harold B. Woodward, Albert P. McGraw, William H. Hollister, Jr., Benjamin F. Redner, R. Llewellyn Rees, Nelson S. Easton and Robert M. Reevs.

The report was approved.

On the recommendation of the Stated Clerk the following Overtures were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. An Overture from the National Reform Association concerning the Mormon Question.

2. An Overture from Hon. William S. Bennett relating to Presbyterian Colleges.

3. A paper from Rev. Henry M. Dodd relating to the Temperance cause.

The report of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Ralph E. Prime. The report was received and its recommendations were adopted and is as follows:

It is a difficult thing in the work of your Commitee to distinguish between the things which are ecclesiastical and the things that are not. Two different General Assemblies in Judicial Cases and in the review of Synodical Minutes, have emphasized the unconstitutional acts of Synod and Presbyteries in handling matters not ecclesiastical, all of which have been condemned as travelling outside of the limitations of the Church judicatory.

So far as the subject of divorce and remarriage is a moral question there can be no doubt, but Synods and Presbyteries as well as the General Assembly may advise the Churches and Church members and stir them up as citizens in the dis-

charge of their duties in these matters, but as a judicatory it most certainly can go no further than to suggest remedies.

We regret exceedingly the attempt to obtain deliverances from our judicatories for or against the passage of a Constitutional amendment to the U. S. Constitution and Congressional Legislative action upon this subject. We, however, see clearly that the evils that hang around divorce and remarriage infect society and our nation. It is a fact to be regretted that there is such a variance in the different States of our Country on the subject of causes of divorce. In some of the States there are as many as fourteen causes of divorce, in five of the States there are eleven causes of divorce, in four of the States there are ten causes of divorce, in four of the States there are nine causes of divorce, in twelve of the States there are eight causes of divorce, in six of the States there are seven causes of divorce, in ten of the States, there are six causes of divorce, in two of the States there are five causes of divorce, in two of the States there are four causes of divorce, and in the State of New York only (and also in the District of Columbia) there is only one cause of divorce. We may well be proud of the standing of New York State. New York State is also the cleanest State in all the States except only the State of Delaware. The only statistics to be found are those gathered by the United States Census Bureau, from the last of which it appears that the annual number of divorces in Delaware are sixteen in every 100,000 of the population, and in New York it is twenty-three in every 100,000 whereas in the other States it runs up into many scores, and in some cases toward the 200 in every 100,000. It is solely out of pure ignorance concerning the facts that New York is evilly spoken of, when it should be commended as an example.

New York is the Empire State

The Newspapers of New York are the most enterprising in all the land, whatever happens anywhere goes into their pages. If it were so in the newspapers published in every other State, the citizens might very well be ashamed of the number of divorces obtained in each of them.

It is nothing against New York if any New Yorkers go to Nevada and join the Reno Divorce Colony, but it is to the dishonor of such States that their laws are framed on such a low standard as to attract the worst from our State.

A proposed constitutional amendment is pending in the United States Congress to authorize the enactment by Congress of laws on the subject of marriage and divorce for all the United States, and there is a great hue and cry in favor of a Uniform Federal Divorce Law. What would that mean to our citizens? The centre of population in our country has moved far west and is now located in the West of Indiana, hence the House of Representatives of the United States in accordance, with the population, will give West of Indiana at least one-half of the members of the House of Representatives. The Senate of the United States is composed of two Senators from each State, and the number of States in which the divorce laws are founded upon loose standards of morality, and divorce made easy, are far more in number than the States holding strictly at most to two causes of divorce, and it is not difficult to see that a Uniform Divorce Law would reflect the

local opinion of the constituents of Senators and Representatives in Congress, and although for the District of Columbia, Congress fixed the New York Standard of one cause of divorce, in a locality that had no representatives in Congress, and whose population were not the constituents of any body, yet with all of this, if Senators and Representatives should come to enact a law to fit the whole Country, the home sentiment of each would dictate the kind of a law that we should have imposed upon our State of New York, and instead of one cause, we might have fourteen causes of divorce. This situation, to thinking people, should cause them to hesitate long before they ever favor the proposed constitutional amendment or any Uniform Divorce Law.

Other than the recommendation of your Committee this year, our duty should be that of watching and waiting. We have no desire that the *personnel* of your committee should be continued, but we are your servants, and submit that a committee on this subject, to watch developments at least, should remain one of the Committees of Synod particularly as now the subject is somewhat acute.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Synod of New York, not desiring to go beyond the constitutional limitations, nevertheless deprecates the passage of any constitutional amendment authorizing Congress to enact any Uniform Federal Marriage or Divorce Law, as necessarily a peril and danger to the standard of divorce, enacted for the State of New York, unless we can be assured that such a law should be of the standard of the existing law in the State of New York.

Resolved, That we call the attention of the members of our churches to the subject; and we urge upon them the careful study of the situation in our country and the probabilities of what would be, in any action by Congress; and the probability of the possible standard that might be adopted by Congress in view of the power which exists, not favorable to the standard in the State of New York, and we urge also upon them that they set their faces against any legislation, constitutional, federal or otherwise, which shall lower the standard or tend to lower the standard or endanger the standard of the Laws of the State of New York, on the subject of divorce.

It was also resolved:

That the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage be hereby continued; and are hereby instructed to watch all matters affecting the subject referred to the committee and to cause such notice as they may deem wise to be given to the members of our Church within this Synod, that, as citizens, they may be on guard, and that Synod advises and counsels them as citizens, to be watchful and to oppose all legislation, constitutional or legislative, which shall tend in any way to lower the standard of the State of New York in the matter of divorce and remarriage of divorced persons, also to seek to secure legislation in the several States which shall make illegal and void, the remarriage of any person forbidden to remarry by the law of the State of his or her residence, or by the decree of judgment of any Court in any proceeding or action to which he or she shall have been a party.

The Committee on Student Work in Non-Presbyterian Colleges was presented by Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., and accepted. After an address by Rev. Herbert W. Moore, Student Pastor at Cornell University, it was approved and the following recommendations were adopted:

As in former years, your Committee has confined its work to one institution, viz., Cornell University at Ithaca, for the reason that we have deemed it wise to concentrate our efforts until the work became somewhat firmly established.

Pursuant to our report a year ago your Committee, acting under authority from Synod and in co-operation with the General Assembly's Board of Education, secured the Rev. Herbert M. Moore as Student Pastor for Cornell University and he began his work in that capacity in December last. He found over 900 students of Presbyterian affiliation in attendance upon the University and in the Freshman Class 180 young men and women who were members of our church. 1,000 students in the University expressed no religious preference and thus, in an important sense, became a portion of our field. Thus far, our church is the only one that has an ordained man working among the 5,000 students in attendance upon this institution and, therefore, Mr. Moore in a significant sense may be said to have the whole student body as his field.

Mr. Moore has entered upon his work with a fine enthusiasm, with a comprehensive knowledge of student life and needs, and with wisely devised plans for work. Your Committee takes the liberty of adding further that his personal qualities and those of Mrs. Moore, who is his earnest and intelligent helpmeet in this work, are a valuable part of his equipment for this work.

He has made many calls upon the students in their rooms and held many conferences with them at his home. A Bible Class for the University has been held on Sunday in the local church and he has had the opportunity of frequently preaching to the students. Mrs. Moore and he have made their home a social center for the students and have done much entertaining there. Mr. Moore keeps close watch upon the health of the students and makes several visits each week at the University Infirmary where he has the opportunity of coming into the closest personal touch with a considerable number of men.

The great number of Presbyterian students at Cornell prevents that amount of intensive work which could be carried forward in institutions where only a few hundred students are gathered. Nevertheless, the Student Pastor endeavors to call upon all of the Presbyterian students at least once during the year and seeks those who are in especial need of his help.

The peculiar quality of student life makes the social approach to the student the most accessible and effective. It is, therefore, highly desirable that the Student Pastor should have every facility for cultivating social relations with the students. To this end a manse close to the University grounds for the Student Pastor would be invaluable to him. In this way he and Mrs. Moore would be able greatly to multiply their personal contact with the students and so increase their personal influence over them. Such a manse ought to be a sort of religious social

center, especially for the Presbyterian students. Around it should gather much of their social life. The personal touch which the Student Pastor has been able to establish through his home, as at present situated with all its necessary limitations, convinces your Committee that, if he could have more adequate and suitable accommodations which a manse properly located would give him, his efficiency would be immensely increased. Many synods have already added a manse to the equipment which they have provided for their Student Pastors in their Universities, and it is to be hoped that the Synod of New York will, in the near future, provide such a building at Cornell University.

The Board of Education has co-operated with your committee throughout the year in a most effective way and it is due to this co-operation that the Synod has been able to carry forward this work at Cornell. As the Board has assumed the financial responsibility for this work ,with the understanding that the Synod would make a special effort to increase its contributions to the Board, your Committee would earnestly urge upon all of the pastors, sessions, and churches to recognize the solemn responsibility of this agreement to make their contributions as large as possible to the General Assembly's Board of Education.

This Board sent out during the year blanks to be filled by the pastors, requesting information about students who are attending colleges and universities. Such information as the Board received regarding the students at Cornell University, it immediately put at the disposal of the Student Pastor. It is obvious that such information is of immense value to him and your Committee regrets to say that, on account of the fact that very few pastors replied to this request for information, the help he received from this source was almost negligible. Pastors can greatly increase the effectiveness of this work by sending, either to the Board of Education at Philadelphia or directly to Mr. Moore at Ithaca, information about members of their congregations who are in attendance upon Cornell University.

The affiliation of the students with the local church by what is commonly called "affiliated membership" is an effective method of keeping students in vital relations to the church. This plan does not contemplate severing the student from his home church, as he still remains a member of it. It simply means that, while he is in attendance upon Cornell University, he becomes an affiliated member of the Presbyterian Church in Ithaca and, hence, comes under the watchful care of our Student Pastor. Pastors will do a great service to their own young people, if they will urge them to become identified with the church in Ithaca in this way during their student life.

We recommend:

1. That the Synod commends the General Assembly's Board of Education to the enlarged support of its churches in view of its great work, and especially in view of its generous support of the Synod's Students Work at Cornell University.

2. That Synod recognizes the need for a manse for the Student Pastor at Cornell University and earnestly hopes that through the liberality of friends of this important work, such a house may be provided in the near future.

3. That Synod recommends its pastors to furnish Rev. Herbert M. Moore, Presbyterian Student Pastor at Ithaca, New York, the names of their young people who are attending that University and urges its pastors to recommend to their young people that they become affiliated members of our church at Ithaca during their residence there.

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting reported that two invitations had been received, one from the Church at Batavia, and a second from the Three Churches of Newburgh. The invitation of Batavia was accepted and the thanks of Synod were tendered the Churches of Newburgh with the hope that a little later their kindly hospitality might be enjoyed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Stated Clerk and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The plan for the adjustment of Salaries of Ministers and merging of churches in connection with the report on Synodical Home Missions was read and together with the following resolution was referred to the Commitee on Bills and Overtures:

Resolved, That the plan for the adjustment of salaries on the basis of $1000 per year, prepared by Synod's Permanent Committee on Home Missions be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Frank B. Cowan, chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

We are concerned with the religious education of the people of our Synod. It has been remarked that it is hardly too much to say "that education is the largest word in the vocabulary of life, for it symbolizes all those forms that have raised man from the plane of the brute, all those characteristics that differentiate him from the speechless anthropoid." Religious education is the bringing of all the accumulated spiritual experiences of the human race to bear upon the spirits of individuals. It is also the bringing of them so steadily and so skillfully that they will become a force in life.

A great deal of attention is given and we would not have it less, to the work of evangelism and reformation. But do we all not appreciate that it is far more important that we seize the opportunity of educating the youth in righteousness and thus removing the necessity of repentance and reformation? Richard Baxter was distressed one time when he could recall no moment when he first gave himself to God, but he was at length comforted when he reflected that education is as properly a means of grace as preaching. We believe in religious education from the cradle on, therefore we feel that too much emphasis cannot be placed upon religious education in the home. This is the weak spot in our system of religious education. We would do well to emulate the fathers in this.

But is education sufficient? The question has been raised, Can the soul be developed into a personality like that of Christ by means of education? I think we realize that there is something more necessary, if we are to save the youth from degradation. Everyone must work out his own salvation, and the strongest factor we can bring to bear upon the youth in our endeavor to lead them into right paths is the influence of a godly and consecrated life. We are bound to meet with many failures by simply gathering the children into our Sunday Schools and teaching them religious truth unless we somehow elevate the spiritual and religious atmosphere of the homes from which they come. All attempts at religious education fail unless the spirit of the pupil is transformed or at least led out into the fullest appreciation of the value of righteousness. Religious education is well defined by the author of the "Psychology of the Christian Soul". He says, "when rightly conceived, it is neither the mere giving of information nor the training of faculties nor the restraining of impulses, but the leading of man into fellowship with the Mighty Father, the revealing of the universe as altogether just and good, the developing within him of the sense that he is but one of a great brotherhood, and that his highest glory is to consecrate himself to their service in God." This is the aim of various organizations for the religious education of the church. All our machinery and all these committees are of no avail unless we are doing something more than recording statistics. We care very little whether our Sunday Schools have Westminster helps of some other so long as the high aim is being accomplished.

1. We recommend the work of our Board of Publication and Sunday School Work for we believe that they are striving to aid us effectively in accomplishing our aim. We highly recommend the general use of the new Intermediate Catechism as the best thing of the kind for setting before the minds of the youth the cardinal principles of our Church. We commend to the attention of our churches the various publications of the Board.

2. Sunday Schools.

We submit a few figures gleaned from the reports the past two years which seem to us interesting.

We have in our Synod this year 1018 schools which is a gain of 18 over last year. The total enrollment this year is 167,826 which is also a gain of 2,606. We have 14,267 adult classes as against 6,301 last year. Teacher training has also received larger attention for we have 1,301 as against 394 last year. About one-half of the schools give attention to Missionary and Temperance instruction and about the same number report that definite decision for Christ is urged. We have 26,965 members of the Church in the Sunday School which is a gain of 370, but the strange thing is that the number added to the Church this past year was nearly a 1000 less than the previous year. This means that the reports are inaccurate or else a considerable number who were in the schools last year have dropped out. The most discouraging item in the reports is that our benevolent gifts have dropped to $60,710 or $17,074 less than a year ago.

3. Young Peoples' Societies.

We are unable to submit any figures concerning the work of the Societies for young people in our Synod because the reports submitted by the Presbyteries are

so incomplete and also because several Presbyteries have made no report to the Board or to your committee. In studying the reports submitted we find that the problem has not changed. The first enthusiasm of Christian Endeavor has greatly waned and what is being accomplished to-day through the medium of the young people's organizations is more enduring and less dependent on the enthusiasm that comes from numbers. There is a very large variety of societies which indicates that each church is endeavoring to meet the conditions which are local and seeking the solution of its peculiar problems.

Altogether the reports are encouraging.

At the last meeting of Synod the question of securing a Synodical Superintendent of Religious Education was raised by certain members of that body, and your committee were instructed to take the suggestion under serious consideration. Last year we recommended that no appointment be made and Synod sustained our recommendation. After twelve months of further consideration we see no reason for altering our position. We have sufficient machinery now, let us work what we have. Furthermore, one man could not effectively cover the entire State.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. We renew our recommendations of last year that all of the Presbyteries be requested to unite their permanent committees on Sunday Schools and Young People's Work under the head of Religious Education, and that the chairman of these committees report annually to the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work and also to Synod's Committee on Religious Education.

2. That we endorse the graded lessons prepared by the Board of Publication and Sunday School work.

3. That the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work be commended to all our pastors and churches as the appointed agency of the Church for helping them in their work and as worthy of their support and co-operation.

4. That we heartily approve of the Summer Conferences and Schools for promoting Religious Education and that we encourage our pastors and church workers to endeavor to improve their opportunities for special work in religious instruction.

5. That in the future, the Committee of the Synod on Religious Education be appointed from the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees.

The Committee on Home Missions presented its report which was accepted and its substance is as follows:

The Board's 1825 missionaries, alone, would make more than a full regiment of soldiers, while the membership of the churches and missions served would comprise an army of 67,250. An army as varied in its complexions and languages as that of the Allies in the war in Europe, its increase, prisoners taken for Christ on confession and made good soldiers, 6931, and its recruits received by letter 4318. Our Board's field of operations does not admit of massing battalions, but rather presents a wide flung skirmish line reaching from the Polar Circle to the Tropics and from Sea to Sea, reaching back into the forgotten recesses of the

mountains, penetrating to the enemy intrenched in the deep woods, and holding strategic centers in the great cities and picket lines in the villages and upon the billowy plains. The conquests of our Home Missionary army are never secure. The tide of immigration and the rapid development of cities and the consequent flux of population in city and rural communities bring about ever changing social, moral and religious conditions, which, while building up some churches are constantly reducing other erstwhile strong and independent city as well as country churches from independence to dependency, from supporters of the Board to its beneficiaries. Hence the work of the Board goes on, ever advancing, winning here, losing there, yet ever seeking to conserve the old where possible, and upon the whole, making the gains outnumber the losses.

A further difficulty under which the Board has labored in the recent past is that its work has been done under the fire of criticism, with all charity, we may hope, upon the part of those who, because of the intensity of their interests in some particular field or phase of the work, have possibly failed to realize the grand strategy of those who have planned the larger campaign. Good, however, sometimes comes from what we consider evil. The net result of the aforesaid criticism has been a complete reorganization of the Board of Home Missions effected in accordance with the proposals made by the standing committee of Home Missions, approved and adopted by the last General Assembly.

We would call your attention to the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions to the Last Assembly, "We believe the heart of the whole church is with us when we express our hearty approval and endorsement of the aggressive policies of our Board, whereby alike in the congested quarters of the cities and in the neglected and lifeless churches and villages in the rural districts, it has kindled new hope, quickened churches and communities, which were slowly stagnating and dying, and kept our church in the van of the forces making for social righteousness, peace and joy." "Our church has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat."

The Council of Home Missions, a council composed of one member from each synod, is henceforth to meet once a year, preceding the meeting of the General Assembly to consider the problems and policies of their respective synods and of the church at large. This action is a long step toward unifying the work of the whole church while at the same time it does not interfere with the principle of self-administration by presbyteries and synods.

The problem of Home Rule which is such a burning issue across the sea has its counterpart in the Principle of Self-administration in Presbyteries and Synods also adopted as a part of the plan and giving great promise of good. The principle is that:

1. "Each Presbytery and Synod shall have the right of initiation, direction and control as to the Home Mission work within its bounds, as to choice and location of appointees and as to the compensation of such appointees, within the limits of the Board's appropriation.

2. Each Presbytery shall give to the board a faithful accounting of the use of funds appropriated, and in case of complaint, the Board should use its own discretion, subject to the review of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Home Missions."

Another matter of importance is the increase of the membership of the Board from 26 to 30 members, which is intended to meet the desire, especially of the west, that it should have personal representation in the membership of the board, newly elected members representing the Synods of Colorado, Alabama, Washington, Texas and Minnesota.

As reorganized, the Board finds itself in stronger position than ever before and better prepared to conduct the great work for Home Missions committed to it and confidently looks to the churches of this Synod for their enthusiastic support.

In view of these facts, notice:

1. The Boards Need. Owing possibly to the fact that for the past year or more the Board has been under fire, and probably more to general financial conditions which it is not our province to discuss, the Board ended its financial year with a deficit for the second time. in fifteen years and was compelled to draw from its reserve funds. (All credit however, be given to the Woman's Board who changed a deficit of $24,000 to a surplus of $26,000.)

In view moreover of the new problems presented by the European War and the many calls for aid from the charitable arising therefrom there is particular need that our vested interests in our Home Mission field are not allowed to suffer.

2. A study of the contributions of the churches of this Synod to the Home Board reveals certain disquieting facts. That, while our Synod is the largest contributor to the board, the offerings for evangelism during the past ten years refuse to show any consistent advance. The contributions in the year 1904–05 were $81,576 with a more or less regular increase to $94,128 in 1911–12 and a sudden fall to $82,963 in 1912–13 and a further drop to $80,481 in 1913–14. Actually less than we gave ten years ago. Moreover, the board expended within the Synod of New York last year for work among Foreigners and Indians $47,791.

In view, therefore, of the constantly increasing demands of Home Mission work and in view of the undoubted wealth of the membership of the Presbyterian Church in the Empire State these facts are disquieting and call for a heroic effort on the part of pastors and laymen to meet the proper demands of this Board whose work is so vital to the honor of the Church of Christ in our home land.

The Committee on Church Erection presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

This Board is limited in its gifts by the conditions of its charter and the rules of the General Assembly which fact should be remembered by Presbyteries and Churches when applying for aid.

The Assembly has fixed one thousand dollars as the maximum grant and three thousand dollars as the maximum loan. Emphasis is now placed by the Assembly upon the loan principle, so that the Board may be reimbursed for its aid when the Church being helped is strong enough to return the loan.

The Assembly also urges upon the Board the uses of selecting sites in strategic places for the erection of churches. The campaign for a "Manse for every Pastor" is vigorously pushed by the Board.

Synod last year gave $10,433 to this board, 547 churches out of 872 contributing; this year $11,334 have been given to this board, 543 churches out of 872 contributing. Last year $7,700 were drawn out for use in our Synod, and this year only $5,000 were taken for our Presbyteries. In two years the Board has gained from our Synod $9,472.

This result is as should be, for the great western field needs our help, and the demands of the rural church for aid are greater than in the past.

The Kennedy Fund must be administered by regulations of the Assembly, which permit the Board to use the income for such general purposes as may be deemed proper. It cannot be used in an indiscriminate manner.

The Board is now making an effort to obtain as much as possible of the two million dollars in grants to churches which have not yet returned their loans. Many churches which were once in need and received aid are now able to repay their loans, and the board expects to be successful in its efforts in this direction.

Your committee recommends the following:

1. That the Presbyteries adopt the "Denver Plan" of having a committee of the missionary agencies of the Presbytery supervise the details of such work so that full harmony and efficiency may result and the Board of Church Erection be given its due consideration.

2. That the Presbyteries endeavor to stimulate the 324 churches which do not contribute to this Board to become regular givers to this work.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented its report which was accepted and after an address by Rev. George C. Yeisley, D.D., its recommendations of last year were renewed. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Ministerial Relief has little in way of encouragement, to report as a result of the year's work.

There has been a heavy falling off in contributions for the current work of the Board in some of our strong Presbyteries while hundreds of individual churches are still unconscious seemingly, of the existence of the Board and the important and necessary work it is doing.

The contributions from Synod to the Relief cause were increased by $1545 the past year but the withdrawals in the way of annuities within our Synod for the same time were $2825 more than the year previous so that Synod stands debtor to the Board for the year ending April 1st, 1914, for $1280.

Albany Presbytery in which the campaign for Relief and Sustentation, was so successfully carried through in April, 1913, increased its contributions to the Relief work this past year $72, but in the same period it drew out in annuities $850 more than the year before; and so on throughout the Synod in greater or less amounts.

A letter from Dr. Foulkes, General Secretary of the Board under date of the 18th inst, states that "Already we have spent this fiscal year over $90,000 for current work, more than we have received for the same purpose." Then he adds "we do not face the future with fear but with some anxiety. We are sure the church does not want us to cut down the annuities nor do we want to report a debt."

Does the Church want the annuities cut down? They are now only barely sufficient to sustain life. Dr. Foulkes further adds that no increase in allowance can be considered.

What is to be the action of Synod in response to the needs of this cause? Is Synod to go on increasing its withdrawals from the Board (and there seems to be an ever increasing need for it) without at the same time increasing its gift to the Board? Can it do so honorably with itself, and conscientiously toward the Board and the 1400 beneficiaries and aged Ministers and their Widows now on the Roll? There is no greater question before the Synod to-day than this and it *must* be met in a generous and broad and sympathetic spirit.

Your Committee renews its recommendations of last year that Presbyteries assist the Board in its Nation Wide campaign for The Ten Million Endowment Fund as well as for increased contributions for the current needs of the Board and the Sustentation Work; also to again suggest whether the time has not come when the Synod in the interest of this most important and needy Cause should employ a competent man as field representative whose time should very largely if not entirely be given to this work.

The Committee on the Freedmen's Board presented the following report which was approved:

In our contributions to this Board, we must not forget that the scope of its work is so large that it calls for generous support on the part of our churches. The problem of our land is often said to be the negro problem. In our midst is growing up a race that will not assimilate with our people but a race that should be educated and enlightened with the truth of the gospel.

The work of our Board embraces evangelization, the support of the pastors, education, theological, college, secondary and elementary. With these duties resting upon it, we should as a church, hold up the hands of those to whom we have intrusted such responsibilities.

The contributions of the churches do not meet the demands for the work. During the past year the annual congregational collection from the churches amounts to $78,146.85, compared with $76,784.73, a gain of $1,262.12, but the Young People's Society fell behind to the amount of $1,058.61, while the receipts from miscellaneous sources decreased from $34,468.20 to $24,474.96. The legacies this past year were $17,633.19, less than last year.

The work of this board cannot be left to those who leave it uncertain amounts at death, (as legacies). It must be maintained by the systematic and regular contributions of the church at large.

EXTENT OF THE WORK.

The work is continually growing and that, too, out of proportion to the income. The following will give us an idea of the responsibility resting upon the board. It is responsible for both salaries and running expenses.

Ministers	241	Ministers who preach only	135
Church and Missions	405	Ministers who preach and teach	96
Added on examination	152	Ministers who teach only	16
Number of day schools	136	Laymen who teach	30
Number of teachers in day schools	444	Women who teach	306
Number of pupils	16427		

During the past years, the Board has employed Rev. J. J. Wilson. The success of his work is seen by the large number added on examination during the year. Mr. Wilson's labors have been greatly blessed by God and his work among the churches has done much toward establishing a sane but enthusiastic evangelistic service. A member of the Board has guaranteed the salary of a new man to assist in this work.

The educational work under this board includes all grades of instruction from theological to the kindergartens for day schools. The long list of institutions give some idea of the work. One phase should be especially mentioned. The educational work is of such a character that it fits this race for better citizenship. While all the schools are not industrial, a large number of those institutions are and it is not necessary for our givers to go beyond our own church to support schools which have demonstrated their efficiency for training these people in the ordinary trades of life.

A colony is now being formed in connection with the Harbison College which has been recently removed to Irmo, South Carolina.

It is the purpose of these institutions to cultivate an industrious and efficient spirit in the negro and to fit him for all the ordinary walks of life. But the Board holds that the religion of Christ is a vital factor in all such education.

In view of this extensive work, we believe that this Board should have the liberal support of the churches of this Synod. The matter of the support of the colored work in our own Synod, has, through the General Assembly, come to the attention of Synodical Missions. We believe that all action concerning this should be held in abeyance until it can be satisfactorily adjusted by the Board of Freedmen and Home Missions.

We bespeak a larger contribution from the churches of this state, which last year gave $11,972.02.

The Committee on the College Board presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

When one reflects upon the fact that of all the home and foreign missionaries, the Christian college furnishes 93%, and of the Students in our Theological Seminaries 90% come from Christian colleges, he begins to realize that not only the extension of the Kingdom depends on the Christian college, but also it is the source of supply for the Christian Ministry. During the past year the energies of the Board have been devoted to an attempt to extend more widely an interest in the fundamental importance of Christian education and a more sympathetic understanding of the place and work of the Christian college. To this end three lines of effort have been pursued. In coöperation with the Board of Education a

campaign was carried on through the fall meetings of the Presbyteries furnishing speakers, leaflets and arousing enthusiasm and awakening unprecedented interest in the cause committed to this Board.

A second educational method was the observance of Education Week, covering the period beginning with the first and ending with the second Sabbath of February.

The third plan put into operation has for its object the interesting of the children in the Sunday-schools in the work of Christian education, to acquaint them with our Presbyterian colleges and encourage in them a desire to attend these institutions during their youth and to help support them with their gifts in after years. These efforts have all met with gratifying success and only emphasize the fact that a line of aggressive work of this character will greatly promote the cause of Christian education. The emphasis at this present time is laid on the necessity of strengthening the department of Bible instruction in our institutions. It has been well said that "there is no justification for the existence of the Christian college unless it is positively Christian in character and influence, and there is no hope of either clean-cut Christian character or permanent Christian influence over the lives of the students, if instruction in the Bible is relegated to a secondary place." Your committee would call attention to the following action of the General Assembly and request the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, at its recent meeting, adopted the following resolutions: "The General Assembly hereby remind the Synods and Presbyteries and the College Board that the offerings of the congregations for College Board work are missionary offerings and that these gifts should be used for current expenses of Presbyterian colleges in those sections of the country where our colleges have not sufficient resources to attain the end in view without outside help.

"The further equipment and endowment of colleges already well-equipped and endowed should depend mainly upon the gifts of individuals, and congregational offerings should be used to assist those institutions which cannot do standard work without such assistance. The Assembly therefore counsels the Synods and Presbyteries not to direct that the offerings of their congregations be used for building, equipment, endowment or the establishment of special funds, but to urge that all congregational offerings be sent to the College Board to be used for the current expenses of such institutions as cannot carry forward standard college work without the aid of the Church at large.

"It is the judgment of the Assembly that a college should not seek aid for maintenance from this congregational fund after the college has a productive endowment of $300,000, and that the Board and Synods are not justified in directing the use of congregational offerings for the current expenses of institutions with so large an endowment, unless it can be done without neglecting the pressing needs of struggling institutions, or unless it is to assist in extra and unusual expenses incident to some special effort like an endowment campaign; and the College Board should be the judge concerning when special needs justify the diversion of congregational offerings from the missionary purpose for which they are primarily designed."

We recommend that this Synod follow these instructions of the Assembly and urge its churches to do the same.

And Whereas, the General Assembly took the following action: "In view of the facts set forth by the Board concerning the lack of endowed Chairs of Bible Study and Pastoral Supervision in Presbyterian colleges, the Assembly calls upon the Colleges, the Synods and the Presbyteries to coöperate with the Board to endow departments of English Bible in all of our Colleges, and the Assembly urges upon pastors the importance of bringing this movement to the attention of liberal friends of Christian education."

We recommend that this Synod heartily enter into such coöperation with the College Board.

And Whereas, the General Assembly also took the following action: "That the College Board be instructed to call the attention of the colleges, the churches and of Presbyteries and Synods to Section 8 (a) of the Constitution of the Board, which declares that every college hereafter (1883) established, as a condition of receiving aid, shall be organically connected with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., or by perpetual charter provision shall have two-thirds of its Board of Control members of this Church; also to Section 2 of the Policy of the Board (first paragraph, under Applications), and that the Board and the churches be instructed to confine the distribution of church collections to the two classes of colleges mentioned in these paragraphs, colleges in class three not being entitled to aid from this source."

We recommend that the churches of this Synod be requested faithfully to follow these instructions."

The Committee on Foreign Missions offered the following report which was accepted:

The world conditions which confront the church to-day have made Foreign Missions a critical issue. Whatever may be the outcome of the European war, the terms of peace will only make more urgent and compelling the obligation resting upon the American church to open up channels through which faith, love and truth may pass unchecked to all the nations of the earth. These alone go deep enough into life to create that spirit which will assure lasting peace. Our missionaries are the heralds of peace and the realization of the purpose of Christian missions would be to turn the Armageddon of the world into that blessed time of peace and good will of which the angels sang over the plains of Bethlehem long ago.

Certainly the present distress is no time for a halt in our plans nor for a retreat of our forces. The economic disturbance which is being felt everywhere on account of the war calls for readjustment of our methods, but not for prudential considerations which would provide for our own comfort first. When the nations are pouring out blood and treasure for the sake of material issues, it ill becomes the church of Jesus Christ to talk in terms which imply an unwillingness to exercise self-denial or make any sacrifices. Redemptive love has never made its way, save through sacrificial love. The burdens of missionary activities that have been borne by nations now involved in war, must be assumed by us. There is only one call that should be heard by us today, and that is not to do less than we have been doing, but more. The willingness of British Christians to rally to the support of German missionaries is a fine inspiration for us.

Owing to enlargement of its work, the Board was obliged to close the fiscal year with a deficit. Designated special gifts for objects outside of the regular appropriations brought the total receipts up to the greatest amount the Board has ever received, but of course, these funds did not apply to the regular budget, which shows a deficit this year of $35,123, compared with last year. The distressing fact has been an actual decrease of per capita contributions to Foreign Missions in the church offerings in 15 Synods, including some of the most important. It is a gratifying fact to report that our own Synod was not one of these. The actual amount of the deficit incurred by the acceptance during the past year of the growing obligations on the foreign field is $227,000. To this amount must be added the $65,000 deficit of the previous year, making a total of $292,000. How shall this amount be secured so as to clear the way for the Board to undertake the rapidly developing needs which the Budget Committee, notwithstanding their knowledge of the deficit, have authorized the Board to assume. The only practical thing to do is to urge through Synod and Presbytery, the obligation resting upon the individual church to make a desperate effort to increase its gifts for work abroad 60% more than they did last year, which is the ratio necessary to meet the urgent demands.

Two years ago the China Emergency Campaign was inaugurated in this Synod and has since been carried on in nearly all the Synods throughout the Church with astonishing response. Several of our presbyteries have not participated in this campaign and they are urged to give this Movement which has proved so popular everywhere that it has been tried, an opportunity among the churches within their bounds.

Recently educational campaigns have been conducted in several of our presbyteries by representatives from the Board which have stimulated fresh interest in the great cause. Arrangements have also been made for presenting Foreign Missions at meetings of presbytery by a new method and constructive programs have been prepared for "A Mission Hour in a Busy Presbytery."

The report of the Committee on Lord's Day Observance was presented and followed by Rev. William P. Swartz, Ph.D., Secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee with a brief address. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Our beneficent Sunday laws remain unimpaired and on the whole have been enforced with increased efficiency during the past year.

The usual attempts at hostile legislation were presented to the Legislature of 1914. The number of such bills, however, was less than formerly, and there seemed to be more hesitation in pushing them to enactment. Both brevity of the legislative session and the shortness of the list of anti-Sunday bills was remarkable, and should awaken our gratitude.

a Among these bills was one providing for Sunday theatrical performances for Philanthropy.

b Our old enemy from a Hebrew source reappeared, and was entitled "Sunday business to be permitted by certain persons." The object of this bill was to enable

those who profess to observe some other day than Sunday for rest and worship, to do all business unrestricted on the Lord's Day. This bill also was opposed with such vigor and earnestness by those defending Sunday rest, together with the Labor interests and the Trades' Unions in sympathetic alliance with them, that this dangerous innovation was defeated without a hearing.

c There were three Sunday baseball bills, against which our most determined opposition was necessary. All of them, however, were defeated in the Committee and did not reach any vote in the Legislature. This was considered by the friends of Sunday observance to be a genuine triumph.

d We report with regret the failure of two good bills,—The Grocers' bill, to close grocery stores all day Sunday, except in Greater New York; and the anti-Vaudeville and Moving Picture Show Bill, both of which were favorably reported from their committee, but both failed to pass in the closing confusion of this short session.

e Three or four bills affecting the Day of Rest law passed both Houses and were signed by the Governor. They were not distinctly Sunday bills, yet they seriously crippled the scope of the Day of Rest law which went into effect last October. They permit the Commissioner of Labor to grant exemptions from the present law by which no employee is permitted to work more than eight hours in any calendar day. Also to except from the provisions of the Day of Rest law certain employees in dairies, creameries, butter and cheese factories, ice cream plants, and the like.

II. ENFORCEMENT OF THE PRESENT SUNDAY LAWS.

a Following Commissioner Wood's plain instructions to the Police Force in New York concerning Sunday baseball and public sports, the Police have been enforcing the law with greater uniformity and have stopped many unlawful games. The present method of stopping all such games at the outset is the only proper and consistent way of handling this issue. A number of instances have occurred in and about New York City, in which such games were broken up by the Police, in some cases involving a brief riot from the crowd already assembled. The subterfuge of selling an admission ticket in the guise of a magazine has again been attempted and has been stopped in several notorious instances by the Police. Attempts to evade the law by other subterfuges, such as the selling of score cards, the use of a contribution box at the gate, the attempt to call the game an exhibition of a private club, the so-called charity benefit games and other evasions of the Law which makes of such public games a misdemeanor, have been repreatedly frustrated by the Police during the past summer on complaint of those who have been watchful to secure an orderly and quiet Sunday. Mention should also be made of the determined stand against Sunday baseball by the churches and pastors of Binghamton, as well as similar action in Elmira, Newburgh, and Troy.

b A number of theatres in New York City have been warned and threatened with prosecution for violation of the law preventing theatrical performances on Sunday. Several cases have been taken up vigorously by the Police, compelling the theatre law to be observed by those who intended to violate it.

In the New York district several judges have decided that moving picture shows are not public shows. In other parts of the State, eminent judges hold an opposite opinion. It is very important that such cases be carried to the highest Court.

c Delicatessen and other stores violating the law which forbids public traffic on Sunday. A large number of such violators have been prosecuted and test cases made against fifteen or twenty of such stores; all of which cases were won and the proprietors forced to obey the law. In some cases Churches in the vicinity have coöperated in this movement most effectively by observing and reporting those who kept their stores open in violation of the law.

"The action of the delicatessen dealers both in Greater New York and in Rochester in aiding the enforcement of the Sunday-Closing Law has commanded interest and has merited the support of the friends of the Sabbath."

d A very large number of photographic establishments have been running on Sunday in all the boroughs of New York. The practice has continued for a number of years and of late has much increased. The men who work in these establishments have repeatedly complained to such societies as the New York Sabbath Committee, desiring that this business should be made to cease or at least be reduced to a minimum. A number of magistrates have upheld the contention that this was a violation of the law and was not a work of necessity or mercy. The cases have been appealed and a final decision is soon expected.

e In the matter of railroad and other public utilities. There have been in several cases successful attempts to interrupt Sunday labor which had taken advantage of the plea that such labor was a necessity. Complaints from a number of towns in the State regarding work on the State roads, aqueducts, highways and railways have been taken up by the Commissioner of Highways, who has forbidden all Sunday work on highways throughout the State. The Long Island Railroad has also promised to permit no unnecessary work on the road and declares it to be their desire to give their men Sunday rest just so far as possible. The Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Susquehanna Division of the Central Railroad are intending greatly to minimize the work done on the Sabbath, by a plan to stop running coal and freight trains between 6 P. M. Saturday and 6 P. M. Sunday; only passenger, excursion and perishable freight trains will be run on Sunday. This step will allow many of the employees to enjoy Saturday night at home and to attend Church services on Sunday.

The Scientific Research into the Influence of the Sabbath upon Human Welfare was mentioned in our last report as a matter attracting widespread interest and of the most hopeful character. This movement, instituted by the New York Sabbath Committee, has received the widest endorsement both in this country and in foreign lands by those who consider it will prove a great help to all contending for the defence of our Christian Sabbath. It proposes a comprehensive, impartial and rigidly exact Scientific Research into the influence of the Sabbath upon Human Welfare to be made with University coöperation. It attacks the problem at its most vital point, viz., the shaping of public opinion and the framing of intelligent convictions among the masses. Those who wish fuller information regarding this great movement can secure it by writing to Dr. Wm. P. Swartz, 31 Bible House, New York City.

An interesting department of work for the preservation of the Lord's Day is now in progress through the International Lord's Day Congress. This gathering is planned in connection with the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, and is to be held in the latter part of July, 1915. Such Congresses have been held in connection with previous International Expositions, both in Europe and America, notably in the United States at Chicago in 1893 and at St. Louis in 1904. Since then marked progress has been made both in discussion and in action with reference to Sunday Observance in Europe; while in the United States and indeed in every part of the world, new conditions and new issues affecting it are arising and demand serious consideration. The New York Sabbath Committee, which has been the leader in previous Sunday Rest Congresses in this country and abroad, moved in this direction some two years ago, and invited the coöperation of all the great Sunday Observance Societies in this country and in foreign lands. A Platform of Principles has been adopted by the various societies interested in holding this Congress. Eighteen Sabbath Associations in this country and twelve in Europe have already agreed to coöperate in carrying forward this great enterprise. A number of the principal religious bodies of this country have taken formal action in endorsement of this scheme. What hindrance may arise from the present great war, we are not yet able to predict. But it is hoped that by July, 1915, there may be no obstacle to the Congress from this cause. Bulletins will be issued in good time describing further details of the Congress and giving in full the program for its discussions. The interest and the prayers of this Synod are asked for God's blessing on the Fourteenth International Congress on the World's Rest Day.

We recommend: 1. That Synod urge the pastors of all our churches to emphasize the facts contained in this report in public addresses to their people.

2. That the Lord's Day following Easter be observed as Sabbath Sunday, at which time offerings be taken for the Lord's Day and Sabbath Organizations in Sympathy with us throughout our Synod.

3. We commend as worthy of hearty support from all our Churches the proposed Scientific Research already begun, that it may prove a service of real value to all who are interested in the intelligent observance of the Lord's Day.

4. That Synod follow our General Assembly in its endorsement of the proposed International Lord's Day Congress at San Francisco, in July, 1915.

5. That all good men unite in petitions to Almighty God that during the present dreadful war in Europe the religious observance of Sunday may not be forgotten. We quote from the Executive Order of Abraham Lincoln, dated Washington, Nov. 15, 1862: "The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, desires and enjoins the orderly observance of the Sabbath by the officers and men in the military and naval service. The importance for man and beast of the prescribed weekly rest, the sacred rights of Christian soldiers and sailors, a becoming deference to the best sentiment of a Christian people, and a due regard for the Divine Will, demand that Sunday labor in the army and navy be reduced to the measure of strict necessity. The discipline and character of the National forces should not suffer, nor the cause they defend, be imperiled, by the profanation of the day or name of the Most High."

The Executive Commission presented its report which was accepted and the consideration of its recommendations was made the order of the day for Thursday morning.

The report of the Committee on the Board of Education was presented, accepted and its consideration was made the second order of the day for Thursday morning.

Rev. John Fox, D.D., addressed the Synod in the interests of the American Bible Society.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in accordance with previous arrangement.

Recess was taken until 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

After prayer, business was resumed.

Rev. Judson Swift, D.D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Bible Society. The following action was taken:

The Synod is pleased to recognize the efficient service the American Tract Society is rendering by means of the printed page in diffusing a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners.

The Society's publications in one hundred and seventy-five languages and dialects have given invaluable aid to the mission fields both at home and abroad. We heartily commend the Society's endeavor to carry the Gospel Message on the printed page to the 60,000,000 of our population who are not in attendance upon either Church or mission service. It is our earnest prayer that the Society's work may be greatly enlarged, and we share the conviction that the American Tract Society should become the centre of a movement to provide the mission fields with an abundant supply of Christian literature in all languages. To this end, we urge our Pastors and Sessions to place the American Tract Society upon the list of their annual benevolent offerings. We also appeal to our people to give to it both liberally and regularly, and to remember it in their testamentary gifts.

The Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell addressed the Synod on the work of the College Board.

A Conference on Religious Education was held, Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, D.D., Vice-Moderator, presiding.

Religious Education in the home and the other subjects presented were discussed by various members of Synod.

An address was made by Rev. W. Ralph Hall, Secretary of Young People's Work on the Organization of the Church for Religious Education.

Rev. Charles S. Lane, D.D., of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy then spoke of Men and Women for the Educational Work of the Church, and Rev. William H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., on the Status of Sunday School Work within the Bounds of the Synod of New York.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee has audited the Treasurer's books and accounts, compared the vouchers with the charges and find the same correct except that there is no voucher from the treasurer for a charge of five dollars for his own postage and stationery.

The Committee recommended the approval of the charge for which vouchers are presented.

The bank book and letter from the First National Bank of Albany shows an apparent excess of 66 cents. The Treasurer's bank book, special account, should be balanced at the bank.

The following is the Treasurer's report for the year ending October 1, 1914:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand October 20, 1913		$2,352.73
From Presbytery due October 1, 1913	$101.74	
From Presbyteries due October 1, 1914	904.29	1,006.03
Interest		68.20
		$3,426.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Temporary Clerks, Synod of 1913	$ 40.00
Second Church and janitor	120.00
Printing reports of Special Committees	62.25
Printing Minutes and postage	188.14
Bond Treasurer, Synodical Missions	20.00
Printing report Program Committee	16.18
Postage and stationery Stated Clerk	15.35
Salary, Permanent Clerk	150.00
Salary, Stated Clerk	400.00
Manhattan Storage Company	8.83
Expenses of Treasurer	18.21
	$1,041.96

Balance on hand October 1, 1914	$2,385.00
Due from three Presbyteries	$ 107.31

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the usual appropriation of $100 to the church and $20 to the janitor of the church in which this session of Synod is being held, be made.

2. That the assessment for the current fiscal year be at the rate of five mills per communicant.

3. That for the guidance of future Finance Committees, the amounts of assessments on presbyteries be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

4. That the Treasurer's book and bank book of his special account be referred to the Executive Commission with instructions to have the bank book written up and properly balanced at the bank and if the same be found correct, to approve the treasurer's books for this current year.

5. The presbyteries which have not paid their assessments are reported by the Treasurer as Genesee $18.60, Porto Rico $13.73, Rochester $77.78.

The report of the Trustees of Synod was read by the Stated Clerk and accepted and is as follows:

Your Board of Trustees would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1914:

The present officers are as follows: Rev. A. H. Evans, D.D., president; John T. D. Blackburn, secretary; Edwin T. Hanford, treasurer.

One meeting has been held.

The funds in the hands of the Trustees have not increased or diminished, except as to income and expenditure during the past year.

The total investments are	$28,394.32
Balance on hand	151.81
Rosebloom legacy for the Cherry Valley Church	5,000.00

The income from the invested funds amounting to $1,200.00, has been paid over, as before, to the Treasurer of Synodical Missions.

The total expenses of the Trustees for the past year were $70.85. This included $50.00 for premium on the Treasurer's Bond.

The terms of the following members expire with this meeting of Synod: Rev. A. H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, Edwin T. Hanford, Sanford R. Knapp.

The following report of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions was read by the Stated Clerk.

The report was accepted and the Synod expressed its appreciation of the faithful and efficient work of the Society.

Again it is our privilege and pleasure to present to you our Annual Report, the thirty-second in the history of the Woman's Synodical Society.

While the number of our Presbyterial Societies remains the same as that of 1913, twenty-five organizations, the Women's Societies have added three to their numbers, making now 643, and have increased their membership by 843 to 26,241 women.

The Young Women's Societies, by the addition of four new ones since 1913, have risen to 100 and an extra Westminster Guild makes at the present time 30 Westminster Guild Chapters

What's in a name? Much, if it be a good name and lived up to its possibilities. Bands and Cradle Roll Tens have been merged into Light Bearers and Little Light Bearers. Of the former there are 107, of the latter 106. If these all, little and big children, Light Bearers begin to shine, surely we may confidently hope that, as they advance in years, they will become dispensers of not only small lights but of these of many candle power.

There are 403 Young People or Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, a trifling gain over a year ago.

5,118 copies of the *Home Mission Monthly* and 2,519 of *Over Sea and Land* are taken throughout our Synodical Society. These magazines are indispensable in creating missionary interest. If occupying, with other missionary publications, conspicuous places in homes, they will ofttimes suggest the importance of missionary information. In connection with this thought is the gratifying fact that Study Classes have grown from 106 to 162.

The list of Mission Study Books, Missionary Books and Leaflets is remarkable. They are fairly bristling with just that information which all to-day should be seeking. The more one knows of needs, the more surely will kindly loving hearts be moved to meet them and, to add to the singing of "God Bless our Native Land," abundant services, which shall tend to its more speedy evangelization.

The most discouraging thing encountered is the sliding downward scale of Contributing Sabbath Schools. In 1912 we reported 281 giving through our Society. In 1913 the number dropped to 169, when we doubtless lost some through the organization of the New England Synod. This year there are only 148 contributing Sabbath Schools, a less number than in 1913 and only a little more than half of those reported in 1912. This question is a vital one and the Woman's Synodical Society is only a factor in its consideration. It should appeal to every minister, elder and superintendent in the Synod of New York.

More young people are met in our Sabbath Schools than in any other church organization. Last year $7,005.46 were received from the Sabbath Schools, but we have nearly 1000 churches in our Synod. The amount given to Home Missions by 148 Sabbath Schools only averages $7 for each School in our Synod, presuming that every Church has a Sabbath School. If all could be induced to give even a small sum, what an increased revenue would the cause of Home Missions receive. Our General Assembly, besides others, has authorized three offerings a year by Sabbath Schools, two for Home Missions and one for the Freedmen.

Fine programs and envelopes are at the disposal, gratuitously, of every School. May we appeal for increased watchfulness on behalf of these precious opportunities for the instruction of and coöperation with the Sabbath Schools?

Our total receipts from all branches of our organizations have been $79,326.93. In the sum are included appropriations of $14,521.32 to Freedmen and donations to the Emergency Fund and to Foreigners.

Anticipating the time when the minimum salary of the Home Missionary shall be $1,000.00, boxes to such have probably diminished in number at the request of

our Woman's Board of Home Missions. However, our Schools, teachers and individuals have been the beneficiaries of barrels and packages, the solid, substantial expressions of the love and interest of the donors.

The money value cannot be reported of the things sent but who can estimate in dollars and cents the pervasive power of affection and sympathy?

As a Synodical Society we thank your Venerable Body for your courteous and appreciative acceptance of our previous reports.

In rendering this our thirty-second record of a year's work for the Master, we do it with regret that the harvest has not been greater but with sincere gratitude to God that, through Him, we have done what we have, for His glory and the extension of His Kingdom in the Home Land.

After prayer, Synod adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 1914, 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interests of Religious Education. Rev. Frank B. Cowan, presiding.

Addresses were made by Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., President of Elmira College and the Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., President of Auburn Theological Seminary.

THURSDAY, October 22, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod convened and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Executive Commission was taken up and considered. After some consideration the report was referred to the new Committee on Religious Education for special investigation, to report thereon, next year.

The Moderator was requested to extend the greetings of Synod to the Woman's Synodical Society on Home Missions, now in session.

The Committee on the Board of Education presented its report which was accepted and the following recommendations were approved. The substance of the report is as follows:

We do not hesitate to say that the outstanding weakness of our denomination is the failure in the output of Christian ministers, missionaries, evangelists and teachers. We do not here attempt to discover the causes of this weakness. They are many and varied. They go back to the Christian home, where parents are failing to offer promising sons upon the altar of Christian service. They rest with the pastor who fails to be a recruiting officer for the ministry. They are to be found with the Church at large which is failing to press the claims and exalt the opportunities of this highest and divinest service.

The Presbyterian Church last year gained only 109 ministers. There were 170 new churches organized. There were 2017 vacant churches. These figures represent a serious situation. They mean that there are 109 ministers available to supply 2117 new churches and vacant churches of our denomination. True, many of these churches cannot support a pastor, but hundreds of them could be so grouped as to provide regular preaching—if the men were available. The Committee on Vacancy and Supply of our Church declares that there is pressing need at the present time for 600 men, and the need is growing larger each year. The Church is suffering from lack of men to occupy the newer fields. Some Presbyteries, unable to find men fully equipped are ordaining and placing in the pastorate men who have not the requisite preparation, and in consequence the educational standards of our Church are being lowered.

The situation demands the serious and prayerful consideration of every lover of the Church. The Church must take up and send out the call persistently and repeatedly for young men of faith and vision and consecration to come up to the help of the Lord in this day of opportunity and need.

Moreover, the Church must more adequately finance and sustain the Board of Education, its recruiting agency.

This is no time for pessimism, but the Church must face the facts. Last year was a record year for the Board in point of service to the Church, though the Church fell $14,000 short of the $100,000 budget recommended by the Executive Commission for the use of the Board. A great body of Christian youth looking to direct service in the Church have been assisted.

Eight hundred and twenty-five candidates for the ministry were aided during the year, an increase of 31 over the preceding year.

In addition to this, following the instruction of the General Assembly, the Board assisted 18 students in Medical Schools who are preparing for service on the foreign field.

Also, in compliance with the direction of the Assembly, 17 students, in Schools for the Training of Lay Workers, were granted aid.

Particular attention is given by the Board to the need of the Church for ministers to people of foreign speech. Grants of $2000 each were made to the Seminaries at Bloomfield and Dubuque, to provide adequate instruction for foreign speaking candidates for the ministry.

The Plan of College Visitation was prosecuted more extensively than ever before, in coöperation with the Evangelistic Committee. Under the direction of the Board 42 visitors spent an aggregate of eight months in evangelistic and vocational work in 47 institutions. As a result there were 500 conversions among the students, and the spiritual life of the student body in many institutions was greatly quickened.

Nearly 600 churches observed Vocation Day, with most gratifying results.

One of the greatest and most important fields of service to which the Board of Education is commissioned is that of State University Work. Briefly summed up, this is pastoral supervision, personal evangelism, counsel in choice of vocation, Christian education, with training and practice in Christian service to the students in State Universities and Colleges. There are 87 state Universities and State

Colleges in the United States. Presbyterian Student Pastors are now employed in fourteen of these, and the Board is coöperating with local churches in thirteen other university centers. That this service of the Church is fruitful is shown from the records of the past year, during which, in twenty universities, 796 students united with Presbyterian churches, 3459 were regular members in church Bible classes and 124 decided for the Christian ministry or the missionary life.

That there is critical need for religious work on the part of the Church in such institutions is startlingly emphasized by the results of a comprehensive survey of the religious conditions in 50 State Universities, conducted by the Board last year. Of the 50 institutions 16 have no chapel exercises, 13 conduct chapel only once a week, and 21 from two to five times a week. Forty-seven of these institutions have a total faculty membership of 7,545, of whom 3472, or nearly half, are not members of any church. One president reported that fifty years ago all the leading members of the faculty were clergymen and it was expected that every faculty member should belong to some church. Chapel prayers, the study of the Bible and Christian evidences were required. To-day there is no chapel exercise, and no religious instruction whatever is provided. Out of a faculty of 250 only 95 are members of local churches or congregations. Surely the Church must take a hand in caring for the religious interests of the students in such institutions, if they are not to be lost to the Church and to the Christian faith itself.

As is generally known, the Board of Education last year entered into an agreement with our Synod—the First Church of Ithaca being a coöperating party to the agreement—for the employment of a Presbyterian Student Pastor at Cornell University. This agreement is in the form of a legally drawn contract, with definite terms and pledges binding both the Board and the Synod. The contract was negotiated for Synod by the Special Committee on Students in Non-Presbyterian institutions. Your Committee on the Board of Education, while in hearty accord with the provisions of this contract and ready to coöperate in carrying them to fulfillment, is not responsible for the success or failure to meet the terms therein laid down.

It is matter for congratulation that by this agreement a Student Pastor has been secured for Cornell, and has been on the field and doing efficient work during the past year.

The careful attention of Synod should be directed to the Fifth provision of the contract between the Board and the Synod, according to which the Synod has agreed to provide special funds for this work at Cornell, and to assist the Board in raising an endowment for this purpose. From the reports of contributions it would appear that Synod has not increased its financial support of the Board as this special enterprise demands.

This Synod contributed to the Board of Education last year $10,439.75.

In view of the added tasks and the increasing responsibilities placed upon the Board of Education, and in view of the foundational character of its work in recruiting and training candidates for the ministry, and in view of the special enterprise of providing a Student Pastor at Cornell, we earnestly urge upon all our churches that they give larger place in their thought and prayers and financial support to this Board.

Financially, the Board is pressed. It closed the last year with a deficit of $14,000. The Church fell short of the $100,000 budget. This year the Executive Commission has placed the budget at $12,500. The Board urgently needs this amount. Surely every pastor can at least give his people an opportunity to contribute to this important cause. In the language of the Board: "If the 1500 pastors who received aid from this Board, and who did not take offerings for this cause which helped to put them into the ministry, would remember their sacred obligations, we would not be embarrassed even during this critical year."

Your Committee recommends:

First. That All churches of the Synod be urged to observe Vocation Day, and that so far as feasible the programs which the Board furnishes free, be used.

Second. That Synod coöperate with the Board in raising a special endowment fund for Student Work at Cornell. The officers of the Board inform your committee that they are ready and anxious to come into the Synod for this purpose.

Third, That, in view of the somewhat anomalous situation that the two committees of Synod, the Committee on the Board of Education and the special Committee on Students in Non-Presbyterian Institutions, have practically the same work entrusted to them, resulting in more or less confusion to the Board, to the churches, and to the Committee themselves, Synod at this meeting consider the advisability of either dispensing with one or other of the Committees; or the consolidation of the two Committees; or the formulation of some plan for their coöperation, division of labor and determination of the separate function of each. This Committee feel that some such action would result in the better furtherance of the interests of this special cause.

In connection with the third recommendation of the report, the following action was taken:

That the Special Committee on Students in non-Presbyterian Institutions be dispensed with and that the work be intrusted to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows and its recommendations were adopted:

1. A memorial from the National Reform Association asking the Synod to overture the Congress of the United States to amend the federal Constitution as follows:

Article XVIII. Section 1. Polygamy and polygamous cohabitation shall not exist within the United States or any place subject to its jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

It is recommended that this Overture be adopted.

2. As to the following Overture from the Hon. William S. Bennett of New York Presbytery:

WHEREAS, the increasing restlessness of our Church people under the surrendering of their inherited colleges to the necessity of material considerations and the consequent and inevitable elimination of the Christian atmosphere and influence, requires prompt and efficient recognition by the Church;

And whereas, Lafayette is the only college of first class standing remaining by Charter under the control of the Presbyterian Church, east of Ohio and north of the Potomac River, and always has contributed and is now contributing largely from its student body to our ministry and mission fields, educating them free of tuition;

And whereas a situation (almost a crisis) has arisen in this Presbyterian College that requires ample donations from loyal Presbyterians or the loss of the College to the Church;

We recommend the following action, that we the Synod of New York, convened in Middletown, N. Y., October 21st, 1914, do commend the Endowment Fund for the increase of Professors' salaries (with later a pension) inaugurated by Mr. Robert F. Whitmer of Philadelphia, and later adopted by the General Alumni Association, and do request the cordial support of our Ministers, and so commend it to the session of our Churches for public presentation, and earnestly call upon our Presbyterian people, especially those whom God has blessed with abundant means, to contribute to this fund, that this link in our early chain of Colleges yet remaining under Presbyterian control may be retained, and have the sympathy, support and generous giving of our people.

3. As to an Overture from Rev. Henry M. Dodd relative to the Temperance question it is recommended that it be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

4. As to the plan proposed by the Committee on Synodical Missions entitled "Plan for the adjustment of salaries on the basis of $1000 a year and for the merging of two or more evangelical churches in over churched districts," being referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. We recommend its approval.

The Committee to Nominate the Trustees of Synod reported, recommending the re-election of the following persons as Trustees for the term expiring in 1917. Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, and Elders Edwin T. Hanford and Sanford R. Knapp. The report was accepted and they were duly elected by ballot.

The Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood offered its report which was accepted and after an address by Rev. Jonathan C. Day, D.D., its former action was reaffirmed:

The past year has witnessed increasing activity and effectiveness among the men of our churches. Especially was the call to make the Every Member Canvass a success cheerfully answered. Many churches for this reason have gone forward in their giving to self-support and missionary causes, instead of backward as the financial stringencies might lead us to expect. Most praiseworthy is the campaign of New York Presbytery to locate strangers coming to the city, bring them into friendly contact with their nearest church, and urge them to present their church letters. In many churches the men's monthly social gatherings, as a Brotherhood or some similar organization, (the name making no difference), has been the means of inducing many new men to ally themselves with church effort.

Our General Assembly has released the regular secretaries who have led this work, and have thrown its definite leadership back on the Synodical and Presbyterial Committees. As these committees are active in bringing the men of a presbytery together for Presbyterian Extension or Civic Improvement, so shall the real object of the Brotherhood be continued.

However the big burden of interesting and utilizing to the very greatest extent the men of the parish, depends upon the minister. He must be more the minister of men. He must seek the mountain top even as his master, and pray for men, and then go forth to the fields, the factories, the offices, the great world-highways, and "apprehend" them as Christ did Paul. He must make these men feel he and the church want them, themselves, even more than their money. Then when these men are called together at the Brotherhood meeting, there must be present the spirit of the Big Brother. Cordiality must clinch them to the church life and work. They must feel behind everything the spirit of Christ and the purpose of Christ.

Your Committee would therefore reaffirm:

First—The importance of the appointment of a strong Brotherhood Committee in every presbytery for the organizing and pushing of men's work in our churches.

Second—The arrangement for popular meetings at presbytery gatherings for the discussion of this work.

Third—The publishing in our religious periodicals and forwarding to the Chairman of this Committee of individual church methods for organizing or using in anyway the hitherto unused men of our churches.

In connection with this subject the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Synod recommend that the special feature of work of the Brotherhood of the Presbyterian Churches in this Synod be that of unemployment in its various features, including securing work, teaching English to those seeking work who cannot speak our tongue and teaching Bible classes among those seeking employment who can be gathered for such purposes.

As the reports of the officers of Synodical Home Missions were presented in printed form they were accepted without being read in detail and their substance is as follows:

Report of Treasurer:

Within the bounds of the Synod of New York according to the Assembly Minutes of 1914, not including the Foreign Presbyteries, there are 842 churches. Five hundred and twenty-seven of these are in the Presbyteries which have adopted the Synod's plan for its Mission Work.

During the year the names of 373 of these churches have been entered upon the Treasurer's books as contributors to Synodical Home Missions. These gifts have been supplemented by those of the allied Presbyteries and a few miscellaneous gifts. The Presbyteries of Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Hudson, Rochester, Syracuse and Westchester have aided by their gifts.

From the Reserve Fund at different times an amount equalling $2,219.60 has been withdrawn and credited to the General Fund to meet deficiencies in the payment of missionary salaries and other expenses.

A statement of contributions received from Churches, Presbyteries and individuals is herewith presented:

RECEIPTS

Total contributions for the year ending October 1, 1914	$24,155 29	
Interest on deposits	41 14	
From Reserve Fund	2,219 60	
Total		$26,416 03

DISBURSEMENTS

Commissions paid from October 1, 1913, to October 1, 1914	$16,711 04	
Salary of Synodical Superintendent	2,950 00	
Expenses of Synodical Superintendent	547 87	
Salary of Rev. A. J. Dean	500 00	
Expenses of Rev. A. J. Dean	16 25	
Salary of Secretary of Foreign Tongued Peoples' Work	1,135 00	
Expenses of Secretary of Foreign Tongued Peoples' Work	92 12	
Salary of Secretary of Adirondack Mission Work	1,175 00	
Expenses of Secretary of Adirondack Mission Work	188 26	
Salary of General Secretary and Treasurer and office expenses	969 32	
New York office expenses and stenographer	527 60	
Expenses of Permanent and Executive Committees	263 81	
Salary and expenses of Adirondack Missionary Workers	661 36	
Balance due Palmer Legacy 1913	311 98	
Balance due Adirondack Mission Work 1913	34 15	
Total		$26,083 76
Balance		*$332 27

*Palmer Legacy $327 86
General Fund 4 41

The Committee on Synodical Missions offered its report. Special departments of the work were reported and accepted as follows:

The Committee has placed upon the Synodical Superintendent the administrative responsibility of all the departments of our work throughout the Synod. He is expected to report upon the general condition, with any items of special interest, together with his plans for the future, at each quarterly meeting of the Committee, and this he has done regularly.

Your Committee, having been instructed by the Synod of 1912, to take in charge the matter of mission work among the colored people of the State, would refer you to the action of one year ago, when on the advice of the Board of Missions for Freedmen, action with regard to this work was held in abeyance pending certain action of the Assembly, which might give to the Board of Missions for Freedmen charge of all such work in the North as well as in the South. The joint request of the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Missions for Freedmen presented to the Assembly of 1914, and asking for such an arrangement, was referred to the Executive Commission, to be reported upon at the Assembly of 1915. In view of this action, we would recommend that the work among the colored people of this State remain in statu quo.

In the matter of the Evangelistic work your Committee would report that, while no definite Evangelistic movement has been undertaken, yet in all of the departments of the work the Evangelistic note has been emphatically sounded.

It should be said that none of our Secretaries are giving their whole time or even a large portion of it to administrative work, but all of them are participating actively in the department which they represent. Indeed this is their main work, the administration being rather incidental.

Work Among People of Foreign Speech

With regard to this work, your Committee would report that the Secretary in charge of Work among People of Foreign Speech has conscientiously and faithfully devoted his time to encouraging the established work, and counseling with churches in communities where colonies of foreign speaking people reside, with the aim to inspire the workers in the missions and the local churches to a more definite and vigorous effort to bring the influence of the gospel to bear upon the strangers in our midst.

In harmony with the Plan of Co-operation, entered into between the Board of Home Missions and this Committee, certain salaries of men now at work in the Synod have been assumed by the Board of Home Missions, the administrative responsibility remaining in each case with the Presbytery in charge of the work, through Synod's Committee.

Mr. Allen has proposed and successfully carried through a Plan of Pioneer Colportage-Evangelistic Work which has large possibilities for the future. The Plan in part is as follows:

Aim: 1. To develop larger interest on the part of local churches in the evangelization of these people.

2. To bring the Gospel to the individuals among them.

3. To establish ,where feasible, permanent missions.

A goodly amount of work has been done in the lumber camps of the Adirondacks, seven ministers and laymen being engaged in this work which seems encouraging in results. Again the work of Church Extension has been organized with a secretary to go into vacant churches, remain with them for a period of such length of time as the case seemed to justify, seek to organize the spiritual and financial forces of the church, and prepare it for the more satisfactory settlement of a pastor, all to be done with the co-operation of the Presbyteries.

In connection with this report addresses were made on various phases of the work which is in their charge.

The resolutions of the Committee were made the first order of the afternoon session.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY, October 22, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod reassembled and the resolutions proposed by the Committee on Synodical Missions were taken up.

The plan for the adjustment of salaries on the basis of $1000 per year and for the merging of two or more Evangelical Churches in over churched districts was taken up and approved as follows:

That the congregations may come better to understand the need of such salary adjustments, a campaign of agitation and education be authorized by the Synod and a Committee appointed to have such campaign in charge. Pastors will naturally be unable to take the leadership in this matter in their own churches. Therefore, we urge the coöoperation of the ministers and elders of the Presbyteries and express the belief that this movement is of such prime importance as to be made the feature of the Synodical Year.

That the Presbyteries be advised not to settle pastors or stated supplies upon a salary provision of less than $1000.00 per year or its equivalent, $900.00 and the free use of manse.

That the Synod urge upon the Presbyteries to consider the feasibility of centralizing the parish work, that is, instead of a minister being asked to serve two or more isolated congregations, let there be one central organization with one or more out stations, at which he will be expected to preach, but all members are to be received into the central church, which will draw its officers from the entire parish, thus creating a unity of purpose and of service throughout the community, providing a stronger body of officers for the church and making it possible to carry the spirit of the stronger center out into the weaker circumference.

That the Synod recommends to Presbyteries that grants of aid be made on the basis of $1,000.00 per year, but that the congregations will be expected to cooperate with the Synod and Presbyteries in reaching this measure of support as quickly as possible. It is the judgment of your Committee that most of the congregations can, by means of a thorough-going every-member canvass, raise at least half the necessary increase. Some of them can raise the entire amount necessary, but the Presbyteries should carefully examine the ability of the church and such men of the Presbyteries as have had substantial success in the matter of the every-member-canvass should hold themselves in readiness to assist the congregations to make such canvass. The grants in general should be made on condition that the congregations raise a certain amount, and that the payments will be made only after the church has reported that it has paid its proportion for the period.

The Synod recommends further that the Presbyteries require of stations asking aid that they show evidence that they have made a careful and complete canvass, and on the basis of this canvass, not upon the amount that the station has received in the past year, the grant for the coming year shall be made.

WHEREAS, The duplication of Evangelical Churches in small communities is an unwarranted employment of sacred funds and works to the spiritual detriment of the community, and

WHEREAS, Evangelical denominations have generally manifested their desire to reduce or eliminate such wastefulness and inefficiency, therefore, be it

Resolved, First: That the Synod of New York express its disapproval of the appropriation of Home Mission Funds in the support of a church in any community of five hundred or fewer persons where there exists another Church of an evangelical body, recognized by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, better fitted to minister to the spiritual needs of the community, except in the case of missions among foreign speaking or other exceptional groups of people.

Second. That the Presbyteries be urged to adopt Resolution 1 as their rule or procedure in planning their home mission work; that they negotiate with the proper agencies representing other evangelical bodies with a view to the general adoption of this rule; that not only in the establishment of new work this rule be observed, but that it be applied as soon as possible to the support of churches already established.

Third. That the Synodical Committee be authorized at its discretion to withhold appropriations where aid is requested in violation of this rule.

Fourth. That while this action embodies a policy commended to all congregations in the Synod, it is to be construed as mandatory only upon home mission agencies and not as limiting the constitutional rights of each church and community to conduct its now work in duplication of other evangelical work, if it shall be desired, provided that in so doing it shall not employ home mission funds contributed to Presbyterial and Synodical Treasuries.

Fifth. That all Presbyterial Agencies, within the Synod be urged to adopt the policy of doing thoroughly and well their home mission work, providing such equipment and support as shall insure efficient conduct and that new work be undertaken only when there is reasonable hope of such efficient conduct.

1. *It is resolved*, That the report of the Treasurer of Synod's Committee on Home Missions having been audited and found correct, the same is hereby approved.

2. That for the year 1914-15 Synod approves of the Budget of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions which shows a need for funds to be disbursed through the Committees Treasury as follows, viz.:

Assisting to defray Pastor's Salary in the weaker churches	$20,000 00

Salaries of Workers and Necessary Expenses for the Following Departments of Work:

Synodical Superintendent	$4,000 00
Adirondack Mission Work	3,500 00
Church Extension Work	1,800 00
Work Among People of Foreign Speech	1,500 00
General Secretary and Treasurer	1,200 00
Executive Committee	400 00
Printing Reports, Stationery, etc	400 00
Office Expenses	500 00
Emergency Fund	2,000 00
	$35,300 00

3. That the apportionment of expenses for maintaining Synod's work through its Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, as contained in the report of the Special Committee on Ways and Means, be and hereby is approved.

4. That Synod hereby directs the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions to secure from each aid-receiving church statistics of a character designed to indicate the progress or otherwise of the work committeed to its charge, form 101 being hereby approved for this purpose.

5. That this report of Synod's Committee be printed in full in the minutes of Synod, with a definite statement as to the action taken on each recommendation.

In this connection it was *Resolved*, that the Committee on Synodical Home Missions be empowered to confer with the Assembly's Board of Home Missions and if the way be clear to arrange for the establishment of direct financial relations in conformance with the plan adopted by the Assembly of 1914 which provides for self administration by Synods and Presbyteries in Home Mission Work. The report as a whole was then adopted.

The following minute was adopted:

Whereas, the Churches of our country of the Common Evangelical faith have almost unanimously adopted both by the resolutions of their Church Courts and by their efficient efforts which have wedded these resolutions to most gratifying results the "Every Member plan" of giving for the support of the Congregational and Missionary activities of the Churches. *Therefore be it resolved:*

That this Synod urges the adoption of this plan by all the churches under our care and recommends that in promoting the adoption of the plan, the first place be given to the Education of the members and supporters of our Churches in the spiritual truths and scriptural principles of stewardship.

2. That subscribers be encouraged to designate how they desire their gifts to be distributed and to this end that they be made intelligent by pastors and church officers concerning the present relative needs of the several agencies of the church.

3. That the every member canvass be repeated regularly each year after due preparation.

4. That Synod organize a Presbyterial United Movement Committee to unify and promote this plan of giving in every Presbytery and Church in this Synod.

The Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees of the Synod presented its report which was approved and the names were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee to Collate the Reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records of the following presbyteries be approved: Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North River, Porto Rico, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

The Records of the Presbytery of Lyons are recommended for approval with the following exceptions:

1. No record of absentees is made.
2. A church was transferred from this Presbytery to that of Cayuga without authority.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Brooklyn, Chile, Eastern Persia, North Laos, Otsego, Rochester, Siam were not presented.

The report of the Committee was approved.

The report of the Nominating Committee of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions was presented, accepted and ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual bills and salaries.

It was ordered that the Committee of Arrangements for the Next Meeting of Synod be requested to give a representative of the Assembly's Committee on Temperance a place on the program.

The following Committee was appointed to draft a resolution expressive of the attitude of the Synod toward the Temperance Movement and to report at this meeting of Synod: Rev. Messrs. George B. Swinnerton, Theodore F. Jessup and Elder William S. Bennett.

The Committee presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod emphatically reaffirms its historic advocacy of the cause of temperance, that while expressly recognizing the complete separation of church and state, we recommend as a religious principle, the doctrine of total

al stinence, as contained in the Hobson-Shepard Constitutional Amendment now pending in the Congress of the United States and that we further declare our practical sympathy with every reasonable and legitimate effort to bring to an end as speedily as possible the evil effects of the liquor traffic.

A Conference on the Presbyterian United Movement was held, presided over by David McConaughy, representative of the Joint Executive Committee.

An address was given by Rev. J. Beveridge Lee, D.D., on the Work of the Board of Education.

In connection with the contract entered into last year with the Board of Education and the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, relative to the employment of Rev. Herbert S. Moore to work among the students at Cornell University, the Stated Clerk was authorized to secure a copy of the contract and publish it in the Minutes of Synod.

The Contract is as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT made the fifteenth day of May, 1913, between the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, of the first part, the Synod of New York of the second part, and the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca in the State of New York, of the third part, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has, by repeated utterances, approved the general work of providing religious training for Presbyterian students at State Universities and educational institutions, and has designated the Board of Education as the proper agency of the Assembly to carry on such work.

AND WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America did, at its session held in Louisville, Kentucky, in May, 1912, adopt the following with reference to the University Student Pastor Work as carried on by its Board of Education, to wit:

"That the progress of the Board in supplying the religious needs of Presbyterian students at State Universities be most heartily commended, and the new policy be approved of assuming the entire support of certain university pastors in those Synods whose Presbyteries co-operate with Synod's Committee in increasing the apportionments to education, based upon the contribution of the Board to this work in Such Synods."

AND WHEREAS, The Synod of New York, for the purpose of carrying on University Student Pastor Work at Cornell University, located in Ithaca, New York, is desirous of having the said Board of Education to co-operate with it in the institution of University Student Pastor Work for the students at Cornell University in connection with the said First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, New York, and has offered and agreed to enter into contractual relations with the said Board of Education and with the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca relative to said work.

And Whereas, it is advisable and necessary that in connection with said work, there should be acquired as soon as practicable residential headquarters for the University Student Pastor or Pastors, and the creation of an endowment fund sufficient in amount to properly carry on said work and insure the perpetuity thereof.

And Whereas, It is deemed advisable that the custody of the endowment fund should be invested in the said Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, party of the first part, the recognized agent of the General Assembly in charge of said work, and the Synod of New York has, through its Synodical Committee, requested the said Board of Education to assume the custody and management of said fund, in which request the First Church of Ithaca joins:

Now Therefore this Agreement Witnesseth, That the parties hereto, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements to be performed by them respectively, their respective heirs, successors and assigns, do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with each other as follows, to wit:

First. The Synod of New York shall, through its Religious Agency, employ and place in charge of said work at Cornell University, acting in such employment in connection with Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, New York, a University Student Pastor, or Pastors, and shall co-operate with the Board of Education in any campaign which may hereafter be instituted for the raising or obtaining an endowment fund, and in any steps which may be taken to acquire and purchase or build the residential headquarters above referred to.

Second. The title of all real-estate purchased, held or acquired for residential headquarters at Ithaca, New York, shall when and as soon as acquired be vested in the Board of Education, its successors and assigns, in trust as hereinafter set forth, and all moneys raised in connection with said enterprise and all contributions made shall be received and held by said Board of Education intrust as also hereinafter set forth.

Third. The Board of Education agrees that it will, in accordance with the terms of employment from time to time, pay to the University Student Pastor, or Pastors, salary which shall be mutually agreed upon by the Board of Education, First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, New York, and Synod of New York, acting through its said Committee. Such payments to be deducted from and charged to the income of any endowment fund which may hereafter be raised in connection with said work, as hereinbefore provided, so far as such interest may cover the payments, the Board hereby agreeing to be responsible for any and all salaries in excess of such interest or income.

Fourth. The First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, New York, agrees that it will, in co-operation with the said Board of Education and the Synod of New York, offer all proper accommodation and support to the work proposed to be carried on at Cornell University and will arrange as follows for the students in attendance at said University:

1. Encourage the attendance of students at all public services; make no discrimination against them in the sittings, and charge them no pew rents.

2. Provide, so far as may be necessary, meeting places for student gatherings such as Bible Classes and the like, the character of such meetings being subject to the approval of the Session of said Church.

3. A cordial welcome will be extended to students as far as may be practicable in the general life of the Church.

4. Reports from the Church Session as to the character and results of the work will be rendered to the said Board of Education from time to time by the Pastors and Session of the said Church.

Fifth. The Synod of New York, recognizing the importance of the work proposed to be carried on under this agreement, and the necessary additional expense to the Board of Education, agrees that it will make earnest efforts and furnish practical assistance to the Board in raising funds for the annual expenses of said work, additional to those already contributed by the Churches under its jurisdiction to the general work of the Church as conducted by this Board. And further, that when and as soon as it may be deemed advisable to take steps looking to the raising of an endowment or any other fund, the said Synod will, through its agents or Committees, unite with the Board in such plans and work, as may be determined upon to affect the desired results.

Sixth. All moneys raised for the said endowment fund for the maintenance of University Student Work in connection with the Cornell University shall be held, invested and re-invested by the Board of Education as Trustee therefor, and the income including all moneys received from rentals, or any moneys received from real estate, after deducting all expenses incident to the raising of additional endowments and the expenses of this trust shall be paid and applied to the proper carrying on of the University Student Pastors' work at Cornell University, including the salary of said Student Pastor, or Pastors. Should said work at any time hereafter be abandoned, said income shall be applied in the first instance to work of similar character, carried on within the jurisdiction of the Synod of New York. Should said work be abandoned within the Synod of New York, or for any other reason the need for support cease, then both the principal and income of the said endowment fund shall belong and be applicable to the Board of Education in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Seventh. It is further understood and agreed that the Board of Education shall be under no legal obligation to appropriate or pay to or for the account of the University Pastor Work at Ithaca, New York, or the work conducted in the Synod of New York, any moneys except such as belong to said trust or endowment fund, other than the University Student Pastor's salary, as hereinbefore provided.

Eighth. This agreement with all its terms, conditions and provisions, shall be binding upon the respective parties hereto, their respective heirs, executors successors and assigns.

In Witness Whereof the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, New York, have hereunto caused their common or corporate seals to be affixed by their respective presidents and attested by their secretaries and the Synod of New York hath

hereunto, by the signature of its Moderator, attested by its Stated Clerk, dated the day and year as above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

H. A. Hile,
E. R. Sterrett.
For Thomas G. Miller,
Paul S. Livermore,
Ernest A. Miller.

The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.:
By Charles Wadsworth,
President.
Attest Joseph W. Cochran,
Secretary.

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, New York:
By Thomas G. Miller,
Chairman Board of Trustees.
Attest Paul S. Livermore,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

Synod of New York:
By George B. Stewart,
Chairman Synod's Student Work Committee.
Attest Harris B. Stewart.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report which was approved:

We call attention:

1. To the action of the Assembly in the emphasis which the Executive Commission places upon the Every Member Canvas, page 211.

2. To the report of the Committee on Christian Life and Work recommending that a call be issued for a year of intercession beginning Oct. 1, 1914, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, throughout the world in both home and foreign fields, page 304.

3. To the principle of self administration in Presbyteries and Synods and the holding of a Home Mission Council, page 134.

It was the desire of this Synod that this Council should be convened in the month of February.

The Several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present were discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members of the Synod had been permitted for adequate reasons to withdraw before the close of the sessions and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—William H. Stubblebine, Peter A. Macdonald, Edward R. James; Elder—Grantham A. Kinsel.

Binghamton: Minister—A. Cameron MacKenzie; Elders—Edson J. Pritchard, John Q. Barlow.

Brooklyn: Minister—J. Allison MacRury; Elders—Frederick B. Stewart, Geo. P. Conard.

Buffalo: Ministers—Harry B. Boyd, F. LeRoy McCauley; Elder—William M. Wheeler.

Cayuga: Minister—C. Gorman Richards; Elders—Alfred G. Sisson, F. E. Swift.

Columbia: Minister—George C. Yeisley.

Genesee: Elder—Eugene P. Norton.

Hudson: Ministers—George H. Bonsall, Azel H. Fish, Robert O. Kirkwood; Elder—Eugene F. Perry.

Long Island: Elder—Thomas Coyle.

Lyons: Ministers—David B. McMurdy, Peter McKenzie.

Nassau: Minister—Charles S. Tator; Elder—John W. Anderson.

New York: Ministers—Harlan G. Mendenhall, Simeon B. Dunn, George S. Webster, Albert D. Gantz, Jonathan C. Day, Arthur H. Limouze, E. J. Russell; Elder—Robert Abbott.

North River: Elder—Ernest W. Conklin.

Rochester: Ministers—Frank W. Hill, Theodore M. Carlisle, Frank M. Weston; Elder—Hugh Campbell.

St. Lawrence: Ministers—Frank B. Cowan, Curtin G. Roop.

Syracuse: Ministers—Frederick W. Fuess, John S. Woodcock; Elders—Almon Bristol, John T. Roberts, Benjamin F. Redner.

Troy: Elders—Fred W. Coons, William H. Hollister, Jr.

Westchester: Ministers—George Reynolds, Anthony N. Petersen; Elders—James R. Brash, David A. Nelson.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted and ordered read at the popular meeting this evening:

The Synod of New York congratulates the Presbyterians of Middletown upon their one hundred percent. efficiency under the standard of our Christian fellowship which reads, "Use hospitality one with another."

You have caused us to rejoice in our sojourning here, and by your kindly courtesies in church and in home, for our comfort and our pleasure, have not only convenienced our work to a profitable issue, but have given us memories to cherish in which we shall often delight. Behold "we have all and abound" through your care of us.

We thank you, and would express our appreciation by individual word, and by this minute upon our records. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee," and give increase in all your ministry.

The following Minute was adopted:

Resolved, that the Synod express its approval of the plan followed by the Joint Executive Committee at this meeting, in presenting the work of the Church committed to its charge.

The Roll was called and the following members were recorded as being absent without the permission of the Synod:

Presbytery of Brooklyn: Elder—Stephen J. Mills.

Champlain: Minister—Samuel Eaton,; Elder—Herbert T. Earl.

Hudson: Elder—C. Ebenezer Johnson.
Long Island: Minister—Morris W. Harkness.
Lyons: Elder—Willis M. Stone.
New York: Ministers—Harold S. Rambo, Francesco Perazzini.
Niagara: Minister—Charles A. Lawrence.
Troy: Minister—George Fairlee.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 22, 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Missions, Mr. David Conaughy presiding. Addresses were given by Mr. J. Ernest McAfee, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and by Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The remaining Minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, Synod adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia, N. Y., Tuesday, October 19, 1915, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:
J. WILFORD JACKS,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix

I. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of seventy-two ministers, forty-nine churches and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received:

December 9, 1913, Rev. James C. Dorward from the Presbytery of Columbia; Rev. Warren J. Whiffen from the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. John A. MacDonald from the Presbytery of Newton;

June 16, 1914, Rev. Joseph T. Curtin from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 9, 1913, William C. Spicer, Jr.;

April 21, 1914, Walter Dudley Cavert.

Installations:

December 17, 1913, Rev. John A. MacDonald over the New Scotland Church;

December 18, Rev. James C. Dorward over the Tribes Hill Church;

July 7, 1914, Rev. Joseph T. Curtin over the Hamilton Union Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 21, 1914, Rev. Thornton A. Mills to the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. U. L. Mackey to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Stated Supplies appointed:

December 9, 1913, Rev. Warren J. Whiffen, Stated Supply at Esperance; Rev. C. Otis Thatcher at Batchellerville; Rev. John J. Cameron at Carlisle.

Stated Supplies released:

December 9, 1913, Rev. Josiah Still from the Mayfield Central Church;

September 15, 1914, Rev. William C. Falconer from the Galway and West Galway Churches.

Ministers deceased:

December 29, 1913, Rev. Alvin Cooper, M.D., at Jefferson, N. Y., aged 87 years and four months.

October 20, 1914, Rev. Washington Frothingham at Fonda, N. Y., aged 92 years and eight months

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of thirty-eight ministers, thirty-four churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

January 12, 1914, Rev. Robert C. Galbreath from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

April 20, Rev. Arthur Burd McCormick from the Presbytery of Shenango;
April 21, Rev. John S. Laing from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. John L. Winnemore from the Presbytery of Northumberland; Rev. John A. Blacklock from the Tioga River Christian Conference;
September 21, Rev. A. Mason Brown from the Presbytery of Hudson;
September 22, Rev. Edwin P. Essick from the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. George E. Guild, D.D., from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 22, 1913, between Rev. George Murray Colville, D.D., and Binghamton West;
April 21, 1914, between Rev. H. Lewis Smith and Binghamton Immanuel;
June 9, between Rev. Joseph T. Curtin and the Church at Nineveh; between Rev. George W. Newman and the Church at Coventry;
September 22, 1914, between Rev. William T. Bridges and the Church at Conklin.

Installations:

January 15, 1914, Rev. Robert C. Galbreath over the Church at Union;
May 7, Rev. Arthur Burd McCormick over the Binghamton West Church;
May 14, Rev. John L. Winnemore over the Church at Nichols;
July 1, Rev. John S. Laing over the Church at Hancock;
September 22, Rev. John A. Blacklock over the Church at Windsor;
September 29, Rev. A. Mason Brown over Immanuel Church at Binghamton.

Ministers dismissed:

December 22, 1913, Rev. Samuel A. Johnson to the Presbytery of Emporia;
April 20, 1914, Rev. George Murray Colville, D.D., to the Presbytery of Hudson;
April 21, Rev. H. Lewis Smith to the Presbytery of Detroit;
June 9, Rev. Joseph T. Curtin to the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. George W. Newman to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
September 21, Rev. Charles J. Moon to the Presbytery of Lehigh;
September 22, Rev. Orville Theodore Fletcher to the Oneida, Chenango, and Delaware Association of Congregational Churches.

Churches enrolled:

April 21, 1914, Beerston and Rock Rift.

Deaths:

November 10, 1913, Rev. James A. Anderson in his 60th year;
November 17, Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe, in his 81st year.

Miscellaneous:

June 15, 1914, Rev. Edgar P. Carson returned letter of dismission granted him on September 16, 1913, to the Presbytery of New York.

III. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of eighty-nine ministers, forty-eight churches and has under its care, four licentiates and sixteen candidates.

Ministers received:
April 27, 1914, Rev. U L. Mackey from the Presbytery of Albany;
May 3, Rev. Giovanni Tron from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
January 26, 1914, George Daly F. Jacopellis;
March 23, R. M. Newfield and Paul Benrimo.
April 27, J. H. Sanders;
June 22, A. G. MacRury.

Candidates licensed:
March 23, 1914, Merrill F. Clarke; J. A. MacRury;
April 27, Carlton Park, B. J. Butts;
June 22, John H. Sanders;
September 28, A. G. MacRury.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
June 22, 1914, between Rev. L. Vandenburg and Spencer Memorial Church; between Rev. C. T. Edwards and the Bay Ridge Church.

Ordinations:
May 3, 1914, Merrill F. Clarke;
May 26, J. Allison MacRury.

Installation:
May 26, 1914, Rev. J. A. MacRury over the Woodhaven Church.

Ministers dismissed:
November 24, 1913, Rev. A. T. Boisen to the Congregational Church;
March 23, 1914, Rev. F. F. Shannon to the Dutch Reformed Church;
April 27, Rev. Madison C. Peters to the Long Island Baptist Association;
May 3, Rev. Merrill F. Clarke to the Presbytery of New York;
June 22, Rev. L. Vandenburgh to the Presbytery of Jersey City;
September 28, Rev. R. K. Hickok and Rev. J. P. Stanziani to Cayuga Presbytery.

Candidate transferred:
June 22, 1914, Aurelio Sofia to Chicago Presbytery.

Deceased:
March 20, 1914, Rev. Rockwood McQuesten, Ph.D., aged 75 years;
July 16, Rev. Allan Douglas Carlile, D.D., aged 54 years;
July 31, Rev. Gurdon H. Eggleston, aged 35 years.

IV. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of sixty-eight ministers, fifty-six churches, and has under its care three licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received:
November 17, 1913, Rev. Russell S. Gregory from the Presbytery of New York;
January 16, 1914, Rev. Robert J. Macalpine from the Presbytery of Cleveland;

January 16, Rev. Jacob Klaasse from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids; Rev. Oliphant Gibbons from the Presbytery of Chemung;
June 22, Rev. B. Y. Spare from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
January 16, 1914, Miller Burrows, a member of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Buffalo.

Licentiate received:
April 20, 1914, Arthur O. Stockbridge from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Candidates licensed:
April 20, 1914, Clarence Scoville.
September 28, Miller Burrows.

Pastoral relation dissolved:
July 27, 1914, between Rev. Charles T. Shaw and the Church at Jamestown.

Ordinations:
June 22, 1914, Arthur O. Stockbridge.

Installations:
January 16, 1914, Rev. Robert J. Macalpine over the Central Church, Buffalo;
February 3, Rev. Jacob Klaasse over the Church at Clarence; Rev. Greeley H. Orvis over the Church at Allegany;
June 22, Rev. Arthur O. Stockbridge over the Church at Conewango;
October 23, Rev. Benjamin R. Larrabee over the Church at Fredonia;
November, Rev. Russell S. Gregory over the Church at East Aurora.

Ministers dismissed:
November 17, 1913, Rev. E. A. Ballis to the Presbytery of Walla Walla;
July 27, 1914, Rev. Chas. T. Shaw to the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. George McCulloch to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Minister deceased:
April 3, 1914, Rev. William Waith, Ph.D.

V. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of forty-five ministers, twenty-two churches and has under its care nine licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received:
January 15, 1913, Rev. William H. Perry from the Brooklyn Congregational Association;
April 13, 1914, Rev. Herbert S. Moore from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, Southern Church; Rev. Andrew J. Lydal from the Presbytery of Binghamton;
July 15, Rev. Charles J. Howell from the Presbytery of Utica;
November 18, Rev. George Nicholls from the Presbytery of Geneva;
September 29, Rev. John P. Stanziani from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
Rev. Seth Cook from the Classis of Montgomery.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
October 1, 1913, Ralph DeKay, John D. Finlayson, Stanley Smith, Francisco

De Simone, William L. Hundsman, Stuart K. Beecher, Kenneth J. McLermon;

November 18, Charles L. Carlucci, James B. Myers, S. B. Ogden, John M. McQuarrie, John N. Morrison, Alva V. King, Clarence B. Scoville, J. Della Ragione;

April 14, 1914, Ira N. McClymonds, J. M. Stewart;

April 29, LeRoy Harries;

September 29, Royal G. Hall, G. A. Percival.

Candidates licensed:

April 14, 1914, Albert J. Thomas, John Romolo, Hardy Lumb, John D. Finlayson, Stanley Smith, Ralph E. DeKay, John M. McQuarrie, J. N. Morrison, Alva V. King, James B. Myers, John Rankin, Merwin Stewart.

April 29, Chester LeRoy Harries.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 15, 1914, between Rev. Evan R. Evans, Ph.D., and the Ludlowville Church;

April 14, between Rev. E. Lloyd Jones and the Cayuga Church.

Ordinations:

April 29, John D. Finlayson, John J. Romolo, Lucian W. Scott, Albert J. Thomas, John M. McQuarrie, O. B. Willi.

Installations:

December 3, 1913, Rev. George Nicholls over the Church at Cato;

April 22, 1914, Rev. Andrew J. Lydal over the Church at Fairhaven;

September 29, Rev. Lucian W. Scott over the Genoa Second Church.

Ministers dismissed:

October 1, 1913, Rev. Charles J. Howell to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

April 14, 1914, Rev. A. B. Scofield to the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. Thomas R. S. Bowker to the Presbytery of Porto Rico;

April 29, Rev. Albert J. Thomas to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 30, Rev. John M. McQuarrie to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiate transferred:

April 29, 1914, Arthur E. Harper to the Presbytery of Newark.

Minister deceased:

Rev. William C. Brass aged 56 years.

VI. **The Presbytery of Champlain** consists of sixteen ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

March 10, 1914, Rev. John Bamford from the Presbytery of Des Moines;

July 10, Rev. Caleb H. Hodges from the Monthly Meeting of Orthodox Friends;

September 15, Rev. Raymond H. Stearns from the Presbytery of North River.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
December 30, 1913, George R. Mott.
April 14, 1914, Harold M. Davis;
September 15, George R. Shrader.

Candidate licensed:
April 14, 1914, George R. Mott.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 30, 1913, between Rev. Aaron W. Maddox and the Tupper Lake Church;
September 15, 1914, between Rev. Arthur Requa and the Mineville Church.

Ordination:
June 2, 1914, George R. Mott.

Installations:
June 2, 1914, Rev. George R. Mott over the Church at Chazy;
July 10, Rev. Caleb H. Hodges over the Church at Tupper Lake

Minister dismissed:
September 15, 1914, Rev. Arthur Requa to the Presbytery of Westchester.

VII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of eighteen ministers and twenty-one churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:
January 12, 1914, Rev. William Hansom, D.D., from the Presbytery of Northumberland;
April 21, Rev. John H. Atkinson from the English Baptist Church; Rev. Paul C. Thyboldt from the Presbytery of Chicago;
September 21, Rev. Horatio S. Beach from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
July 21, 1914, Clifford Young.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
July 21, 1914, between Rev. William L. Sawtelle and the First Church, Elmira; between Rev. George W. Warren and the North Church, Elmira.

Installations:
April 20, 1914, Rev. William Hansom, D.D., over the Church at Big Flats;
May 28, Rev. Paul C. Thyboldt over the Church at Montour Falls.

Ministers dismissed:
January 12, 1914, Rev. Oliphant Gibbons to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
July 21, Rev. William L. Sawtelle to the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. George W. Warren to the Presbytery of Boston;
September 21, Rev. Edwin P. Essick to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Minister deceased:
June, 1914, Rev. James R. Robinson.

Miscellaneous:
Rev. James A. Miller, Ph.D., has been chosen Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of twenty ministers, seventeen churches and has under its care seventeen licentiates and local evangelists and eight candidates.

IX. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of sixteen ministers, seventeen churches and has under its care one candidate.

Minister received:

April 21, 1914, Rev. Robert Hughes from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

December 12, 1913, between Rev. Isaac N. Steelman and the Church at Cairo.

Ministers dismissed:

December 12, 1913, Rev. James C. Dorward to the Presbytery of Albany;

September 15, 1914, Rev. Isaac N. Steelman to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

X. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of thirteen ministers, four churches and has under its care two candidates.

XI. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of twenty-three ministers, eighteen churches and has under its care one candidate.

Minister received:

April 14, 1914, Rev. James D. Thomas from the Welsh Presbytery of N. E. Pennsylvania.

Installation:

May 6, 1914, Rev. James D. Thomas over the Church at Elba.

XII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of twenty-nine ministers, twenty churches and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 21, 1914, Rev. Frederick H. Watkins from the Presbytery of Otsego;

September 15, Rev. Herbert E. Andrews from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

September 15, 1914, Clinton R. Beach, Max Cecil Putney.

Minister dismissed:

October 7, 1913, Rev. George Nicholls to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Installations:

May 7, 1914, Rev. Frederick H. Watkins over the Church at Ovid;

October 8, Rev. Herbert E. Andrews over the Church at Dresden.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Hudson** consists of forty-four ministers and forty-seven churches.

Ministers received:

January 21, 1914, Rev. William A. Russum from the Presbytery of Elizabeth; Rev. George Murray Colville, D.D., from the Presbytery of Binghamton; Rev. Albert E. Chamberlain from the Congregational Church;
June 16, Rev. Thomas M. Simonton from the Reformed Classis of Raritan;
September 22, Rev. James H. Ballard from the Baptist Church.

Candidate licensed:

April 21, 1914, Robert E. Baldwin.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 20, 1914, between Rev. T. E. Montgomery and the Hempstead Church; between Rev. Alvin R. Pennell and the Washingtonville Church;
March 24, between Rev. George A. McAllister and the Church at Chester;
April 20, between Rev. John S. Laing and the Church at Otisville.

Ordination:

June 16, 1914, Robert E. Baldwin.

Installations:

October 28, 1913, Rev. Edward B. Shaw, D.D., over the Church at Monroe;
March 10, 1914, Rev. William A. Russum over the Church at Milford;
June 2, Rev. Albert E. Chamberlain over the Church at Florida;
July 16, Rev. Thomas M. Simonton over the Church at Chester.

Ministers dismissed:

January 20, 1914, Rev. George Scofield to the Presbytery of North River;
March 24, Rev. George A. McAllister to the Presbytery of Carlisle;
April 20, Rev. John S. Laing to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
April 21, Rev. Edward Scofield to the Presbytery of North River;
September 22, Rev. Arthur J. Waugh to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Robert E. Baldwin to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Minister deceased:

May 2, 1914, Rev. Cornelius Stowitts, D.D.

XIV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-three churches and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received:

January 26, 1914, Rev. A. Lincoln Shear from the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley;
September 15, Rev. Jacob Dyke from the North Classis of Long Island, (Reformed Church, U. S. A.)

Licentiate Received:

January 26, 1914, William Stricker from the South Classis of Long Island, (Reformed Church, U. S. A.)

Ordination and installation:

January 26, 1914, William Stricker ordained and installed over the Greenport Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 21, 1914, Rev. Frank Diehl to the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. C. N. Miller Mackay to the Presbytery of Chester;

September 15, Rev. William T. Edds to the Presbytery of Westchester.

XV. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of nineteen ministers and nineteen churches.

Minister received:

May 6, 1914, Rev. George W. Dell from the Susquehanna Congregational Association.

Installation:

May 6, 1914, Rev. George W. Dell over the Churches at Joy and Sodus Center.

XVI. **The Presbytery of Nassau** consists of twenty-eight ministers, thirty churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

February 9, 1914, Rev. James B. Dare from the New Jersey Methodist Conference;

April 14, Rev. J. Sidney Gould from the Wichita, Kansas, Congregational Association; Rev. William S. Wallace from the Presbytery of Florida.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 7, 1913, between Rev. Robert Bramfitt and Whitestone Church;

July 1, 1914, between Rev. Edward J. Lloyd and the Mineola Church.

Installations:

February 16, 1914, Rev. James B. Dare over the Whitestone Church;

April 21, Rev. William S. Wallace over the Ravenswood Church;

April 30, Rev. J. Sidney Gould over the Freeport Church.

Ministers dismissed:

Feburary 9, 1914, Rev. Herman G. Blaschke to the Presbytery of Newark;

April 14, Rev. Robert Bramfitt to the Presbytery of Otsego;

June 8, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd to the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

XVII. **The Presbytery of New York** consists of one hundred and eighty-eight ministers, sixty churches, three licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received:

January 12, 1914, Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross from the Presbytery of Chester; Rev. Chas. N. Van Houten from the Presbytery of Jersey City;

March 8, Rev. George W. Arms, Jr., from the Presbytery of Denver;

June 8, Rev. Merrill F. Clark from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Reno Venturini from the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. James Palmer, Ph.D., from the Classis of New York, Reformed Church;
October 5, Rev. Wm. Y. Duncan from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
January 12, 1914, Ellinwood A. Frost from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North; Wm. C. Fitzgibbon; John W. Voorhis; Charles H. Wicks;
April 13, Paulo Sibilio; Frank Fitt;
October 5, John W. Darr.

Licentiate received:
April 13, 1914, George M. Elsbree from the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Candidates licensed:
April 13, 1914, Ellinwood A. Frost, Lyman R. Hartley, James M. Howard, Albert J. Murphy, Louis H. Ordile, Wm. Neely Ross, Bernice Y. Spare, Ernest J. Weekes, Chas. H. Wicks.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
January 12, 1914, between John L. Caughey, D.D., and the Harlem Church; between Rev. Archibald Black and the Bedford Park Church;
May 1, 1914, between David G. Wylie, D.D., LL.D., and the Scotch Church;
October 5, between George S. Webster, D.D., and the Church of the Covenant.

Ordinations:
April 26, 1914, George M. Elsbree, Bernice Y. Spare, Charles H. Wicks;
April 30, Albert H. Murphy, Ellinwood A. Frost, Lyman R. Hartley;
May 3, Wm. Neely Ross, Louis H. Ordile, all as Evangelists;
June 19, 1914, James M. Howard as pastor.

Installations:
December 21, 1913, Rev. Daniel H. Martin, D.D., over the Fort Washington Church;
April 2, 1914, George W. Arms, Jr., over the New York Church;
April 16, Rev. Daniel E. Lorenz, Ph.D., over the Church of the Good Shepherd;
May 21, Rev. Tertius Van Dyke over the Spring St. Church;
June 19, Rev. James M. Howard over the Bedford Park Church.

Ministers dismissed:
November 10, 1913, Rev. Russell S. Gregory to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. Chas. E. Blanchard to the Presbytery of Lansing; Rev. Abbott L. R. Waite to the Presbytery of Washington City;
January 12, 1914, Rev. George C. Tamblyn to the Fairfield Association of Congregational Ministers; Rev. Concie LeRoy Butler to the Presbytery of Atlantic; Rev. George M. Hunter to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. John Lyon Caughey, D.D., to the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. Archibald Black to the Merrimac Association of Congregational Churches;

April 13, Rev. John E. Fleming to the Presbytery of Lehigh; Rev. John Tron to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
April 26, Rev. Albert L. Evans to the Presbytery of Otsego;
June 8, Rev. Louis Moxedano to the Presbytery of Cincinnati; Rev. Bernice Y. Spare to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
October 5, Rev. Louis H. Ordile to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Middletown, Conn.; Rev. George E. Bevans to the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Rev. John H. Edwards, D.D., to the Presbytery of Seattle; Rev. Joachin Glazko to the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Candidates transferred:
December 23, 1913, Francesco C. Jacobellis to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
February 28, 1914, Gustav Winter to the Presbytery of Dubuque.

Name dropped from the roll:
November 10th, 1913, Rev. Samuel G. Dunseath.

Churches enrolled:
March 29, 1914, Church of the Good Shepherd.

Ministers deceased:
September 22, 1913, Rev. Peter Z. Easton at Tabriz, Persia, age 78;
November 7, Rev. Edward G. Thurber, D.D., at New York, age 78;
June 24, 1914, Rev. Samuel B. Rossiter, D.D., at Clifton Springs, age 73;
July 7, Rev. Henry B. Chapin, D.D., Ph.D., at White Plains, age 86;
July 31, Rev. John M. Waddell, D.D., at Warnersville, Pa., age 77.

Licentiate dismissed:
April 13, 1914, Ernest J. Weekes to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

XVIII. **The Presbytery of Niagara** consists of twenty-four ministers, twenty-four churches and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:
November 3, 1913, Rev. Charles A. Lawrence from the Genesee M. E. Conference; Rev. Fenwick B. Fraser from the Presbytery of Solomon;
January 19, 1914, Rev. William Excell from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
April 14, Rev. Frank J. Milman, D.D., from the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. Herbert H. Brown from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
September 28, Rev. A. L. Brand from the Tioga Conference of the Christian Church.

Ministers dismissed:
November 3, 1913, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., to the Presbytery of Lehigh;
January 19, 1914, Rev. Albert Evans, D.D., to the Presbytery of Parkersburg.

Installations:
May 14, 1914, Rev. Frank J. Milman, Ph.D., over the Medina Church;
May 21, Rev. Herbert H. Brown over the Lyndonville Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 3, 1913, between Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., and the Medina Church;

February 1, 1914, between Rev. Albert Evans, D.D., and the First Church, Lockport.

XIX. **The Presbytery of North Laos** consists of seventeen ministers, twenty-six churches, one licentiate and twenty candidates.

XX. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of forty-four ministers, thirty churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

Feburary 2, 1914, Rev. Geo. H. Scofield from the Presbytery of Hudson;

April 20, Rev. Frank Malven from the Presbytery of Chester;

October 5, Rev. Edward Scofield from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. Edward W. Bate from the Presbytery of Clarion; Rev. Wm. O. Nagle from the Presbytery of Lake Superior.

Licentiate received:

June 15, 1914, Arthur N. Butz from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 21, 1914, between Rev. Wm. Parker, Ph.D., and the Wappingers Falls Church;

October 6, between Rev. Alexander R. Barron and the Highland Falls Church.

Ordination:

June 15, 1914, Arthur N. Butz at Cornwall Church.

Installations:

February 2, 1914, Rev. Emory A. Nelson over the Hughsonville Church;

February 4, Rev. George H. Scofield over the Lloyd Highland Church;

May 8, Rev. Frank Malven over the Pleasant Valley Church;

June 15, Rev. Arthur N. Butz over the Cornwall Church;

October 20, Rev. Edward W. Bate over the Wappingers Fall Church.

Ministers dismissed:

June 15, 1914, Rev. Charles L. Carhart to the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. Raymond H. Stearns to the Presbytery of Champlain;

October 6, Rev. Alexander R. Barron to the Presbytery of Utica.

Miscellaneous:

Corporate name of Matteawan Church changed to Beacon.

XXI. **The Presbytery of Otsego** consists of thirty ministers and thirty churches.

Ministers received:

June 12, 1913, Rev. C. Carson Bransby from the Presbytery of Pittsburg;

October 1, Rev. Almon T. Fuller from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

January 19, 1914, Rev. Alexander M. Lennox, Litt.D., from the Delaware Presbytery of the U. P. Church;

April 21, Rev. John B. Kaloria from the Presbytery of Dubuque; Rev. Albert L. Evans from the Presbytery of New York;
June 5, Rev. Robert Bramfitt from the Presbytery of Nassau;
September 22, Rev. George B. McCulloch from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Licentiate received:
January 19, 1914, George M. Nicholls from the Bible Training School, New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
October 30, 1913, Rev. Wellington P. Francisco and the Richfield Springs Church;
September 22, 1914, Rev. Charles D. Cook and the Cherry Valley Church.

Ordination:
September 22, 1914, George M. Nicholls.

Installations:
June 5, 1914, Rev. Albert L. Evans over the Richfield Springs Church;
June 16, Rev. Robert Bramfitt over the Middlefield Center Church.

Ministers dismissed:
January 19, 1914, Rev. Frederick H. Watkins to the Geneva Presbytery;
Rev. Robert Hughes to the Columbia Presbytery;
April 22, Rev. Thomas Parker to the Erie Presbytery;
September 22, Rev. Alex. M. Lennox, Litt.D., to the Albany Presbytery.

XXII. **The Presbytery of Porto Rico** consists of seventeen ministers, thirty-one churches and has under its care one licentiate, thirteen candidates and fourteen native helpers.

Minister received:
June 15, 1914, Rev. José Lewis Santiago Cabrero from the Presbytery of New York.

Ordinations:
January 15, 1914, T. Harold Ellis.
April 16, Carlos Barrios Zapata.

Dropped from the roll:
September 9, 1914, Rev. Miguel E. Martinez.

Churches enrolled:
April 8, 1914, Ensenada;
September 9, Ceiba Baja.

Minister deceased:
September 18, 1914, Pedro Gil Jaca.

XXIII. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of sixty-seven ministers and fifty-two churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:
January 19, 1914, Rev. Charles T. Roosa from the Presbytery of Portland;

Rev. T. Johnson Bolger from the Chicago Baptist Association;
June 1, Rev. C. Waldo Cherry from the Presbytery of Troy;
June 2, Rev. Abram N. Wylie from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
Sept. 28, Rev. Harry Elvin Malick from the Pennsylvania Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
Sept. 28, 1914, Henry Lawrence Achilles.

Pastoral relation dissolved:
June 2, 1914, between Rev. W. W. Stoddart and Memorial Church, Rochester.

Installations:
February 8, 1914, Rev. Charles T. Roosa over the Church of Groveland;
June 1, Rev. C. Waldo Cherry over Central Church, Rochester.

Candidate transferred:
October 7, 1914, Clinton F. Criswell to the Presbytery of Pembina.

Church enrolled:
June 7, 1914, The Irondequoit Presbyterian Church, Irondequoit, N. Y.

Deaths:
December 21, 1913, Rev. Josiah E. Kittredge, D.D.;
April 20, 1914, Rev. Edward Bristol.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of thirty ministers and thirty-five churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:
September 29, 1914, Rev. George W. Newman from the Presbytery of Binghamton; Rev. John M. MacQuarrie from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Licentiate received:
April 14, 1914, Ernest J. Weeks from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relation dissolved:
September 2, 1914, between Rev. Horatio S. Beach and the Church at Oxbow.

Ordination:
May 27, 1914, at Watertown, N. Y., Ernest J. Weekes as an Evangelist.

Installations:
October 16, 1913, Rev. Harry Fred Smith over the Church at Brownville;
October 28, Rev. Theodore J. Searls over the Church at Sackets Harbor.

Ministers dismissed:
December 1, 1913, Rev. William Excell to the Presbytery of Niagara;
April 13, 1914, Rev. Frank A. Ingraham to the Presbytery of Saginaw; Rev. Arthur R. Chafee to the Presbytery of Monmouth;
September 2, Rev. Horatio S. Beach to the Presbytery of Chemung.

XXV. **The Presbytery of Siam** consists of thirteen ministers, thirteen churches and has under its care two licentiates, nine local evangelists and seven candidates.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-six churches.

Minister received:

October 3, 1913, Rev. Albert B. Scofield from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 22, 1914, between Rev. Peter R. Ross, D.D., and the First Church of Hornell to be effective November 29, 1914.

Minister dismissed:

September 22, 1914, Rev. Peter R. Ross, D.D., to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of forty ministers, forty-four churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

October 3, 1913, Rev. John R. Woodcock from the Presbytery of Huntingdon; Rev. Charles J. Howell from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Alfred T. Vail from the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. John M. MacInnis from the Presbytery of Halifax of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; Rev. A. N. Wylie from the Presbytery of Brazos of the Presbyterian Church in the United States;

April 14, 1914, Rev. Philip A. Parsons, Ph.D., from the Disciples Church denomination upon examination;

May 8, Rev. Albert J. Thomas from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

September 21, Rev. Walter L. Bennett from the Fairfield Association of Congregational Churches.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 14, 1913, Vincent Bell;

June 25, 1914, H. G. Gaige.

Candidate licensed:

April 14, 1914, Misak M. Aijian.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 2, 1914, between Rev. Harris B. Stewart and the Chittenango Church; between Rev. Albert W. Allen and the Elmwood Church of Syracuse;

April 14, between Rev. J. Paul Shelley and the Canastota Church;

May 8, between Rev. George W. Wellburn and the Fulton Church;

June 1, between Rev. C. Lansing Seymour and the First Church of Oswego.

June 25, between Rev. Herbert E. Andrews and the Collamer Church.

Ordination:

April 28, 1914, Misak M. Aijian as Evangelist at Syracuse, N. Y.

Installations:

October 3, 1913, Rev. John M. MacInnis over the South Church of Syracuse;

October 14, Rev. John R. Woodcock over the East Genesee Church of Syracuse;

June 25, 1914, Rev. Albert J. Thomas over the Chittenango Church;
July 7, Rev. C. Lansing Seymour over the Elmwood Church of Syracuse;
September 24, Rev. Walter L. Bennett over the Canastota Church;
September 25, Rev. Charles J. Howell over the Amboy Church.

Ministers dismissed:
March 2, 1914, Rev. Albert W. Allen to the Presbytery of Niagara;
April 14, Rev. J. Paul Shelley to the Presbytery of Beaver;
May 3, Rev. George W. Wellburn to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
June 1, Rev. A. N. Wylie to the Presbytery of Rochester;
June 25, Rev. Herbert E. Andrews to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate transferred:
June 25, 1914, Frank P. MacKenzie to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Minister deceased:
March 13, 1914, Rev. George B. Spalding, D.D., aged 78 years, 7 months.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of forty ministers, thirty-seven churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:
January 19, 1914, Rev. John Lyon Caughey, D.D., from the Presbytery of New York;
April 20, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. A. Loux from the Presbytery of Northumberland;
May 18, Rev. James A. Pratt from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North; Rev. H. Edward Jones from the Western Presbytery of the Welsh Presbyterian Church;
June 24, Rev. Wallace H. Marsh from the Presbytery of Elizabeth; Rev. James Kent McClure from the Presbytery of Boston.

Ministers dismissed:
January 19, 1914, Rev. David C. Davies to the Presbytery of Utica;
April 20, Rev. C. Waldo Cherry to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. James T. Veneklasen to the Presbytery of Grand Rapids.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
September 21, 1914, George N. Patrick.

Ordination:
October 28, 1913, Sisag K. Emurian.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
April 20, 1914, between Rev. James T. Veneklasen and the Schoonmaker Memorial Church of Stillwater; between Rev. Homer C. Evans and the Park Church of Troy; between Rev. C. Waldo Cherry and the Second Presbyterian Church of Troy;
September 22, between Rev. Gostan Moomjian and the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Troy.

Installations:

January 22, 1914, Rev. John Lyon Caughey, D.D., over the Church at Glens Falls;

May 7, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Ph.D., over the Church at Lake George;

May 22, Rev. H. Edward Jones over the Church at Schaghticoke;

June 2, Rev. James A. Pratt over the Church at Mechanicville;

June 9, Rev. Edward A. Loux over the Ninth Church of Troy;

June 26, Rev. Wallace H. Marsh over the Church at Whitehall;

July 14, Rev. James K. McClure over the Church at Brunswick;

October 13, Rev. William L. Sawtelle over the Second Church of Troy.

Churches dissolved:

September 22, 1914, First Presbyterian Church of Argyle; Presbyterian Church of North Granville.

XXIX. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of forty-four ministers, forty-four churches and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1914, Rev. David C. Davies from the Presbytery of Troy;

April 29, Rev. Willard P. Soper from the Classis of Rensselaer;

September 29, Rev. Charles W. Rice from the Presbytery of Champlain.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 3, 1913, between Rev. E. Floyd Rippey and the Church at Camden;

December 31, between Rev. Louis G. Colson, D.D., and the Church at New York Mills;

April 14, 1914, between Rev. Henry White and the Church at Clinton;

May 17, between Rev. Arthur J. Dean and Olivet Church, Utica;

September 29, between Rev. Wesley W. Cole and the Church at Vernon.

Installations:

October 6, 1913, Rev. B. Van Vliet Putnam over the Church at Dolgeville;

October 7, Rev. Edward I. Campbell over the Church at New Hartford;

October 13, Rev. William H. Leach over the Church at Oneida Castle;

February 11, 1914, Rev. Louis G. Colson over the Church at Camden;

April 29, Rev. Sherman W. Haven over the Church at Waterville;

June 9, Rev. Willard P. Soper over the Church at Clinton.

Ministers dismissed:

November 3, 1913, Rev. E. Floyd Rippey to the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. Julius Prochman to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

April 14, 1914, Rev. Henry White to the Presbytery of Mahoning;

September 29, Rev. Wesley W. Cole to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Ministers deceased:

November 2, 1913, Rev. Charles T. Henry;

March 5, 1914, Rev. Dwight Scovel;

May 5, Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury.

XXX. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of sixty-three ministers and thirty-five churches and has under its care two local evangelists, four licentiates and nine candidates.

Ministers received:

January 20, 1914, Rev. E. Floyd Rippey from the Presbytery of Utica;

February 3, Rev. Henry Fairfield Watts on certificate of the Broadway Tabernacle of New York and council called thereby;

April 20, Rev. Thomas J. Stevenson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Huntingdon;

May 22, Rev. Harry C. Meserve from the Fairfield Association of Congregational Ministers and the Rev. Royal A. Stout from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

June 16, Rev. Charles L. Carhart from the Presbytery of North River;

October 5, Rev. Arthur Requa from the Presbytery of Champlain;

October 6, Rev. W. T. Edds from the Presbytery of Long Island.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

October 6, 1914, Aubrey C. Ross, R. Irving Barnett and Andrew F. Janowicsky.

Licentiates received:

October 5, 1914, George M. Whitmore from the Classis of Lancaster, Eastern Synod.

Candidate licensed:

October 6, 1914, Robert B. Galt.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

Feburary 29, 1914, between the Rev. E. Munro Dill and the South Yonkers Church;

July 31, between the Rev. Daniel G. Lawson and the Bryn Mawr Park Church;

September 1. between the Rev. Clarence Wells Dunham and the Mt. Kisco Church;

October 15, between the Rev. John M. Trout and the Greenburgh Church;

Ordinations:

October 29, 1913, William Y. Duncan;

April 23, 1914, Rino Venturino;

May 22, Lester H. Bent.

Installations:

February 13, 1914, Rev. Henry Fairfield Watts over the Patterson Church;

May 22, Rev. Lester H. Bent over the Harrison Church;

June 4, Rev. Royal A. Stout over the South Yonkers Church;

June 12, Rev. Harry C. Meserve over the Rye Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 20, 1914, the Rev. Herbert E. House to the Presbytery of Los Angeles;

April 23, the Rev. Rino Venturini to the Presbytery of New York;

June 16, the Rev. William Y. Duncan to the Presbytery of New York, and the Rev. Clarence Wells Dunham to the Suffolk South Association of

Congregational Ministers;

October 5, the Rev. Daniel G. Lawson to the Presbytery of Hudson, the Rev. Oliver C. Morse, D.D., to the Presbytery of Nassau, the Rev. Joseph H. Robinson to the Hampshire Association of Congregational Ministers and the Rev. Benjamin F. Parliman to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Candidate transferred:

October 5, 1914, Nicola Caterino to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Church enrolled:

October 6, 1914, the Larchmont Church.

SUMMARY

Ministers	1213	Licentiates and Local Evangelists.	59
Churches	933	Candidates	143

II. CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES

Chemung: Rev. James. A. Miller, Ph.D., Stated Clerk.
Otsego: Rev. William D. Jones, Stated Clerk.
Utica: Rev. Charles F. Kittredge, Stated Clerk.

III. WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry T. McEwen, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Mrs Isaac V. W. Grant, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. A. R. Olney, Miss Mary Greene, Mrs. E. C. Lawrence, Mrs. A. S. Brandow.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, Mrs. H. A. Clark, Mrs. Laura Fish, Mrs. Walter Crombie.

Brooklyn—Mrs. G. E. Hasbrouck, Mrs. W. W. Hayden, Miss Ellen O. Wakely.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred K. Eaton, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Miss Kate E. Putnam, Mrs. Charles H. Seymour, Mrs. Sidney McDougall.

Cayuga—Mrs. Ezra G. Huntington, Mrs. James Seymour, Mrs. R. B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. J. S. Manro, Mrs. A. M. Dulles.

Champlain—Mrs. James Cavenaugh, Mrs. F. W. Loveless, Mrs. R. M. Porter, Mrs. Charles Knapp, Mrs. O. J. Kelley.

Chemung—Mrs. Courtland E. Carrier, Mrs. R. H. Evans, Mrs. George J. Magee, Miss M. E. Norton, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. G. M. Weller.

Columbia—Mrs. S. F. Henderson, Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

Genesee—Mrs. O. L. C. Arnold, Mrs. W. E. Prentice.

Geneva—Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Mrs. Benjamin F. Pritchard, Mrs. Charles Lester.

Hudson—Mrs. George H. Bonsall, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Francis S. Haines, Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Miss Mary Hubbard Howell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Mrs. Emily C. Hedges.

Lyons—Mrs. S. S. Peirson, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Mrs. D. B. McMurdy.

Nassau—Mrs. John H. Prall, Mrs. Theodore W. Smith, Miss Amelia Blydenburgh.

New York—Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Henry Cole Smith, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. James Yereance, Mrs. James M. Gifford, Mrs. James E. Ware, Mrs. Seymour M. Ballard, Mrs. Roy C. Tillinghast.

Niagara—Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Robert Norton.

North River—Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Mrs. LeRoy C. Cooley, Mrs. Frederic E. Stockwell.

Otsego—Mrs. W. D. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. William McNair Kittredge.

Rochester—Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. E. A. Webster, Miss A. C. Barton, Mrs. E. D. Chapin, Mrs. H. M. Gilt, Mrs. F. J. Woodworth.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Bonney, Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Rufus L. Sisson.

Steuben—Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. Irving G. Vann, Mrs. E. A. Hudson, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. Lucius M. Kinne, Mrs. E. L. Torbert, Mrs. F. J. Sauber.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Robert B. Stiles, Mrs. C. L. Wells, Mrs. William E. Marden, Miss May A. Philip, Mrs. Lewis W. Raymond, Mrs. H. J. McCune.

Utica—Mrs. J. C. Greenman, Mrs. H. H. Allen, Miss Isabel M. Terrett.

Westchester—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Miss M. C. Foster, Mrs. A. C. McMillan, Mrs. Dwight Holbrook, Mrs. William G. Arnold.

IV. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD

President—Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D.

Secretary—John T. D. Blackburn.

Treasurer—Edwin T. Hanford.

Terms expiring in 1915: Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., Rev. Francis S. Haines, William Thompson, Clarence G. Seward.

Terms expiring in 1916: Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., Rush Taggart, R. E. Wilcox.

Terms expiring in 1917: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, Edwin T. Hanford, Sanford R. Knapp.

Ex-officio: Rev. Walter R. Ferris, D.D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, D.D., John T. D. Blackburn.

By action of Synod, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name, for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances of real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable, for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws, and the By-laws of said Synod.

V. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1882.	*Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*Howard Crosby, D.D	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D.D	Buffalo	New York
1884.	*John McC. Holmes, D.D	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. Merrill Miller, D.D	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*Joseph E. Nassau, D.D	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*Charles C. Wallace, D.D	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. Ralston Smith, D.D	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	*Samuel Jessup, D.D	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*Levi Parsons, D.D	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*James Gardner, D.D	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D.D	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D. (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	*Joseph Gamble, D.D	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	James H. Robinson, D.D	Otsego	Troy
1900.	David G. Wylie, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	*William Waith, Ph.D	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	*William K. Hall, D.D.	North River	Albany
1903.	*William M. Johnson, D.D	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	Dana W. Bigelow, D.D	Utica	Middletown
1905.	Isaac Jennings, D.D	Chemung	Syracuse

*Deceased.

1906.	Anthony H. Evans, D.D	New York		Lockport
1907.	*Samuel W. Pratt, D.D.	Steuben		Brooklyn
1908.	John F. Carson, D.D	Brooklyn		Kingston
1909.	*Willis J. Beecher, D.D.	Cayuga		Johnstown
1910.	James Robertson	St. Lawrence		Rochester
1911.	Martin D. Kneeland, D.D.	Boston		Auburn
1912.	Henry Ward, D.D.	Buffalo		Gouverneur
1913.	E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D.	Hudson		Auburn
1914.	Walter Rockwood Ferris, D.D	Syracuse		Middletown

VI. STANDING RULES

I

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such Temporary Clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, *ad interim* a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall, in like manner, be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment, and a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

III

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and Churches added together, is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor and the chairman of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their post office addresses.

VII

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII

A complete roll of the Ministers and Churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its

Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

IX

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
7. To nominate Trustees of the Synod.
8. On the Records of the several Presbyteries.
9. To collate the Reports on Presbyterian Records.
10. In every year of even numbers a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Religious Education. II. Home Missions. III. Foreign Missions. IV. Education. V. Church Erection. VI. Ministerial Relief. VII. Missions to Freedmen. VIII. Aid for Colleges. IX. Sabbath Observance. X. Temperance. Such permanent committees to consist each of four ministers and three ruling elders.

X

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules of Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XI

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XII

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes, abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIII

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XIV

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XV

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVI

An Executive Commission shall be appointed of which the Moderator of the Synod shall be chairman ex-officio, one minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years. The work of this Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

XVII

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable, after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

XVIII

(1) All committees of Synod shall report in writing, and all reports of permanent Committees and of Special Committees appointed at one meeting of Synod, to report at a later meeting, shall be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, at least twenty days before the annual meeting of Synod; such reports shall be printed by the Stated Clerk in a Blue Book, to be ready at the place of meeting six hours before the meeting, and distributed to the delegates as they enroll; such reports shall not be read on the Floor of Synod unless ordered by Synod and shall be abstracted and not printed in full in the minutes; the action of Synod thereon to be printed and such abstracts therefrom as may be necessary to show the action of Synod.

(2) The Committee on Synodical Missions shall print its own report as Part II of the Blue Book and have the same in the hands of the Stated Clerk for distribution at the time and manner above provided as to the Blue Book.

The clerks shall furnish to each delegate on his enrollment a uniform card to be filled up by him and delivered to the clerks, which shall state his name, name of his Presbytery, the day of his enrollment and such other information as to the clerks may be convenient. Such cards shall constitute a duplicate roll for use of the clerks and of Synod.

The roll shall not be called during meetings of Synod, except only the final roll call, unless Synod shall otherwise direct.

VII. NECROLOGY

Twenty-three deaths among the ministers of this Synod have been reported during the past ecclesiastical year. Among this number we record the names of those who have not only been eminent in their profession, but have attained great age. Rev. Messrs. William Waith, Ph.D., Washington Frothingham, George B. Spalding, D.D., Edward Bristol, Alvin Cooper, Henry B. Chapin, D.D., Dwight Scovel, Wallace W. Thorpe, Edward G. Thurber, D.D., Josiah E. Kittredge, D.D., Peter Z. Easton. Many of them had passed four score years, some having passed their ninetieth birthday. Several were sticken down during the activities of middle life, James A. Anderson, Allan Douglas Carlisle, D.D., William C. Brass, Cornelius S. Stowitts, D.D., James R. Robinson. The well known names of Stealy B. Rossiter, D.D., Oliver A. Kingsbury, Rockwood McQuesten, D.D., John M. Waddell, D.D. appear. The ranks of young men have also been invaded in the removal of Rev. Gurdon H. Eggleston, Charles T. Henry, Pedro Gil Jaca.

These all have wrought well their part, accomplishing much in the vineyard of the Lord and have now entered into their eternal reward.

VIII. CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Arrangements—Rev. Stanley U. Mock.
2. Place of Meeting in 1916—Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris, D.D.
3. Divorce and Remarriage—Elder Ralph E. Prime, LL.D.

IX. PERMANENT COMMITTEES

I. Religious Education. *Ministers*—Robert Wells Veach, Harris B. Stewart, Leo A. Gates, Guy L. Morrill; *Elders*—David Dempsey, Augustus Denniston, Charles P. Mosher.

II. Home Missions. *Ministers*—Charles G. Ellis, James A. McWilliams, Horace T. Chadsey, Murray H. Gardner; *Elders*—John A. Murray, Henry Cole Smith, William B. Hills.

III. Foreign Missions. *Ministers*—Charles McKenzie, William H. Hopkins, William C. Spicer, William L. Sawtelle; *Elders*—John T. D. Blackburn, James W. McMartin, Paul Cook.

IV. Church Erection. *Ministers*—Frank M. Kerr, Samuel H. Seem, Charles E. Craven, George H. Feltus; *Elders*—J. Carl Schmuck, John H. Prall, Edwin W. Rowley.

V. Education. *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, Gerard B. F. Hallock, Theodore M. Carlisle, James A. Miller, Arthur H. Limouze, John J. MacDonald; *Elders*—E. B. Russell, J. C. Fisher, A. P. Storrs.

VI. Ministerial Relief. *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Christopher G. Hazard, Henry A. Porter; *Elders*—Charles S. Butler, Edward W. Ibbotson, Edgar C. Leonard, Robert Cluett.

VII. Freedmen: *Ministers*—Arthur J. Waugh, Anthony M. Petersen, John R. Mackay, William A. Byrd; *Elders*—LeRoy C. Cooly, V. A. D. Reed, Benjamin P. Wayne.

VIII. College Aid. *Ministers*—John C. Ball, Frederick W. Palmer, Allan Macy Dulles, A. Cameron MacKenzie; *Elders*—Rathbun J. Hunt, C. C. Swan, H. N. Daggett.

IX. Temperance. *Ministers*—Ebenezer B. McGhee, William W. Weller, Edwin H. Dickinson, John W. Ross; *Elders*—Lewis D. Collins, H. Osgood Holland, J. B. Scoville.

X. Lord's Day Observance. *Ministers*—William P. Swartz, John F. Carson, William P. Stevenson, Arthur Newman; *Elders*—Henry W. Jessup, George W. Banks, Winthrop S. Gilman.

XI. Presbyterian Brotherhood. *Ministers*—Carl W. Scovel, John J. Lawrence, Jonathan C. Day, Albert C. Fulton; *Elders*—Lucius L. Van Slyke, Albert P. McGraw, Samuel B. Van Buren.

XII. Executive Commission. *Ministers*—Walter Rockwood Ferris, Allan Macy Dalles, David G. Wylie, George B. Stewart; *Elders*—William McCarrell, Rush Taggart, H. B. Woodward.

XIII. Synodical Missions. *Elders*—G. P. Conard, D. C. Hurd, W. N. Wheeler, Edgar C. Leonard, Hon. W. S. Bennett, James N. Wyckoff; *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, George S. Webster, J. Howard Hobbs, W. R. Ferris, Charles G. Ellis, V. N. Yergin, George Fairlee, U. L. Mackey.

X. THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

	Presb's	Ministers	Licent's.	Loc. Evan.	Candidates	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Ex.	Added on Cer.	Restored	Dismissed	Susp. Roll	Deceased	Net Total	Bap. Conf.	Bap. Infants
SYNOD OF NEW YORK	30	1233	33	42	139	933	4644	1664	10400	6354	701	5756	5680	2751	210571	4125	5760
1. Albany		73	1		3	49	241	96	420	316	33	248	157	140	11,031	154	207
2. Binghamton		39			1	34	166	62	368	281	18	153	185	94	6855	220	103
3. Brooklyn		93	1		18	48	304	245	1054	529	24	481	708	273	20,493	130	763
4. Buffalo		68	3		4	56	340	79	733	605	68	387	256	147	13,689	193	342
5 Cayuga		44	9		9	22	129	37	204	152	12	148	136	75	5131	97	70
6. Champlain		15	1		3	21	59	17	75	26	4	54	43	36	2142	31	75
7. Chemung		21			2	21	89	17	131	110	11	86	69	52	3297	74	75
8. Chile		20	1	16	8	17	55	27	103	58	5	71	71	11	930	76	47
9. Columbia		17			1	17	56	7	49	30	2	25	18	18	1705	11	45
10. Eastern Persia		13			2	4	9	2	10					1	317	5	10
11. Genesee		23			1	18	103	17	88	69	9	63	21	53	3719	40	75
12. Geneva		28			3	20	122	59	163	114	18	118	60	71	5474	65	92
13. Hudson		47	1		2	47	197	35	295	127	12	154	236	93	7188	93	172
14. Long Island		31	2		1	23	109	16	94	48	3	40	9	57	4091	35	79
15. Lyons		20				19	105	16	84	69	18	101	400	50	3367	41	50
16. Nassau		30			2	30	126	49	147	89	26	79	40	48	4294	28	162
17. New York		196	3		11	60	445	337	1774	1562	98	1623	979	344	33,456	150	1009
18. Niagara		23	1		1	24	118	19	145	118	7	67	106	51	4272	31	104
19. North Laos		17	1		20	26	143	42	1391	151	48	182	91	93	6297	1236	820
20. North River		44			3	30	157	53	201	138	31	120	163	100	6009	51	144
21. Otsego		29	1		1	30	126	31	168	130	9	107	187	77	3693	67	54
22. Porto Rico		17	1	14	13	31	66	29	368	35	7	70	177	25	2745	359	85
23. Rochester		65			2	51	287	42	645	483	37	315	452	208	14,995	190	284
24. St. Lawrence		31			2	35	158	26	158	63	12	116	73	75	5238	41	133
25. Siam		13	2	9	7	13	21	2	80	4		7	209	16	720	76	30
26. Steuben		29				26	122	27	216	150	16	162	135	64	4658	134	69
27. Syracuse		40	2		6	44	214	76	446	251	124	241	314	137	8202	217	186
28. Troy		36		1	1	39	191	77	201	125	18	197	92	108	8459	64	130
29. Utica		45			6	44	205	39	257	193	17	139	160	135	9022	133	108
30. Westchester		66	3	2	6	34	181	83	332	328	14	202	133	99	9082	83	237

XI. THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

S. S. Mem.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education	Sub. Sch. Work	Church Erection	Relief Fund	Freedmen	Colleges	Temperance	General Assembly	Congregational	Miscellaneous
167,370	455,672	325,169	19,334	25,876	17,649	49,206	29,173	29,079	13,867	25,628.76	3,351,628	914,481
8979	13,173	14,798	1111	1006	658	6065	978	716	394	1,297.08	160,874	10,195
5510	8872	4284	528	1023	388	452	564	671	529	635.72	66,907	17,423
18,269	54,124	24,677	2213	1999	1304	2165	1907	1069	1444	2,614.00	377,752	33,034
11,305	47,487	43,001	896	1961	3122	3816	3681	4445	582	2,143.51	271,460	47,791
4376	6302	6406	771	591	371	1474	1312	375	848	541.91	48,914	4404
1765	2279	2622	107	288	58	233	359	65	48	315.31	44,270	513
2456	2160	2195	191	355	122	583	323	155	108	357.06	40,968	2338
2132		45		6	6	39				128.07	7738	37
1136	2124	1567	197	201	110	250	415	121	61	224.77	23,667	2221
270	5	32									352	91
3451	3152	2995	209	597	189	680	531	340	123	466.50	45,785	788
4255	5435	4742	558	594	255	760	1073	426	346	568.41	60,733	5081
4928	5926	4280	464	1050	318	741	738	461	1211	1,117.06	107,263	1257
2935	4129	3499	373	775	377	602	751	190	326	526.50	49,068	2097
3087	2605	1828	141	378	90	571	465	165	504	451.03	45,296	667
3898	4120	2064	210	782	254	990	666	221	374	690.48	76,843	1552
21,965	203,654	133,834	3942	5968	4861	14,011	4857	15,894	1459	4,635.00	872,200	525,557
4237	3888	2988	162	642	186	450	675	159	171	530.38	54,474	871
6169	629		2701		606						634	
3907	7379	5103	320	782	367	545	673	387	218	864.19	92,810	1948
2907	2076	1468	180	397	165	405	382	116	237	453.43	53,020	669
2245	302	81	18	22	15	9	7	7	3	207.06	3385	131
13,007	18,766	15,851	981	1278	987	1326	2977	751	1401	1,763.81	229,472	208,287
4511	7512	3591	340	698	329	1331	749	256	158	585.56	57,116	3644
735											965	57
3728	2984	2912	198	391	143	195	460	162	496	504.25	52,779	1495
6856	8506	7773	410	778	303	3732	849	309	431	844.92	115,258	2619
5113	11,466	11,132	561	878	519	3555	1325	508	233	941.20	102,280	4531
6596	10,461	9932	548	917	401	876	759	575	347	973.73	105,646	13,277
6642	16,156	10,169	671	1519	1142	3050	1697	532	1815	1,250.79	183,669	21,906

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